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## Is Saipan shrinking?



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REPORTER

**T**oday's flood is tomorrow's high tide.

These past months, storms have seen the CNMI experiencing more and more

flooding, which got people wondering whether Saipan will eventually shrink and get submerged in water.

The straight answer is no...and yes. In terms of its physical land mass, the island will not shrink. However, in the coming decades, Saipan's functional space would. Some low-lying areas, such as Garapan and Susupe

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Rising sea levels will affect sandy beaches along lagoons. Low-lying areas such as Garapan and Susupe will be periodically submerged during extreme tides or storm events in the coming decades.

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## Kilili: Oct. 28 is deadline for re-parole

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Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) is reminding parolees in the CNMI that Oct. 28, 2019, is the deadline to apply for re-parole after recently enacted legislation allowed

eligible parolees to apply for CNMI-only permanent resident status.

Sablan issued the reminder in a statement yesterday, saying that the deadline to apply for re-parole is on Oct. 28, 2019, which marks the end of the 120-day extension for parolees under Public Law 116-24.

P.L. 114-26, signed last June 25, 2019, allowed eligible parolees to apply for a permanent resident status exclusive to the CNMI. However, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services has yet to issue the necessary regulations to allow eli-

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## Yumul: IPI owes Community Chest \$17M

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Imperial Pacific International (CNMI) LLC reportedly owes the CNMI government \$17 million in annual Community Benefit Fund money pursuant to the Casino License Agreement.

The Commonwealth Casino Commission was asked to report to the House Gaming Committee on the status of IPI's Community Benefit

Fund payments after committee chair Rep. Ralph Yumul (R-Saipan) noted in an Oct. 18, 2019, letter to the commission that audited financial statements suggest the company owes the CNMI government about \$17 million in Community Benefit Fund payments for 2018.

"According to the audited financial statements for the years ended Dec. 31, 2017, and Dec. 31, 2018, IPI owed \$17 million in distributions

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## 365 DAYS AFTER YUTU

## So far, FEMA has aided 6,958 individuals

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A year after Super Typhoon Yutu clobbered the CNMI on Oct. 24, 2018, the Federal

Emergency Management Agency has already approved nearly 7,000 individual assistance applications and spent over \$40.5 million in household programs, among other forms of

assistance.

FEMA and the Office of the Governor reported yesterday that they have collaboratively approved 6,958 applications for individual assistance; spent \$40.5 million in the individual

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# Local

## One year later

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REPORTER

It has been a year since Super Typhoon Yutu wrought havoc on the islands of Saipan and Tinian. And, while massive funds and resources have been poured into recovery efforts, many residents are still busy picking up the pieces of their lives. Many who lost homes still live in tents.

One of those still eking out a living from a tent is Jerrie (last name withheld) in Chalan Kanoa, who said his family was forced to live in a tent after their house sustained major damage from Yutu.

He described Yutu as a learning experience as it taught him how to be resilient and how patience and determination could play key roles in shaping how life would be in the long run.

At the start, he and his family found the experience difficult. It took them time to adapt to different sleeping schedules and adjust to a different living arrangement.

"Every morning was hot," he said.

However, as Jerrie saw it,

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he had no choice but to get up to do his usual routine of helping fix his house. "Over time, I was able to get rid of that feeling. ...In all honesty, I can live life in a tent," he said.

He acknowledged the help he has gotten from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, saying it has done so much by providing him with the funding to help rebuild his home, and he is thankful for that.

Another resident who asked not to be named said it has been difficult for him and his family to be living in a tent. His family of four have been living in a tent since Yutu after their house was completely destroyed.

"I am grateful that my family is safe, but it can be difficult as I have to bear the difficulty of giving a concrete answer when my kids ask when will our house be ready," he said.

When Super Typhoon Hagibis and Typhoon Bualoi recently passed the CNMI, his family had to stay in one of the emergency shelters on island and that added to their concern if they would still have a tent to go home to.

He is an intended beneficiary of FEMA's Permanent Housing Construction program and they are still dealing with paperwork and hopes that they could have a home ready by early 2020. "I am grateful that we are able to work with FEMA to find a means of getting a new home for my family," he added.

If there is one lingering lesson the CNMI learned from Yutu and the previous damaging typhoon, Typhoon Soudelor in August 2015, it is the virtue of resilience, of getting back to one's feet and

starting all over again.

Rep. Luis John Castro (R-Saipan) said as much yesterday, saying, "We still continue to pick up the pieces Yutu scattered, we still live in the effects of its devastation in our villages today."

"But 12 months later, we

stand as a community more resilient than we were yesterday," he said.

He said the CNMI has shown that the strongest force of nature is the human spirit—a spirit fostered by ancestors, forged by parents and elders, and more

strengthened over the last year by the love and care of friends, neighbors, and families. "No matter the obstacles in our way, we stand firm and fast to rebuild, restore, and recover," he said.

Yesterday, Oct. 24, marked the first anniversary of Yutu's

destruction. To celebrate the spirit of resiliency, the Lady Diann Torres Foundation, in collaboration with other government agencies, will be hosting the "Resiliency Fest" tomorrow at the Marianas Business Plaza to celebrate that resiliency.

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## USDOL opens funding opportunities to serve Job Corps youth

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The U.S. Department of Labor released yesterday a funding opportunity announcement for its Job Corps Scholars Pro-

gram demonstration project.

Through the program, the department intends to competitively award up to 20 grants to accredited, two-year, public

community colleges; accredited, public two- and four-year historically black colleges and universities; and accredited tribally controlled col-

leges and universities to serve Job Corps-eligible youth and young adults 16 to 24 years of age. Grantee institutions must enroll Job Corps-eligible

it can continue to grow and develop while building resiliency and adapting to sea level rise.

These guidelines simply need to be implemented and followed.

Greene also recommends a thorough review and potential enhancements to certain projects and plans that are getting underway, such as how the stormwater infrastructure can be revamped to function with sea level rise, and thinking critically about how to invest in a feature like Beach Road.

Current government programs include the implementation of the Garapan Revitalization Plan. Earlier this year, the Office of Planning and Development, Zoning Office, and the Garapan Revitalization Task Force hosted a stakeholder meeting to talk about revitalizing Saipan's commercial district.

"Responding to climate change and climate extremes requires making smart, forward-thinking decisions. Often these are not 'new' policies or plans, but rather the things we should have been doing all along," Greene said.

For individuals interested in visualizing impacts of flood hazards to Saipan, check NOAA's Coastal Flood Exposure Mapper at <http://bit.ly/2pQyICF>.

pered by shortfalls in funding could be greatly assisted with distributions from the Community Benefit Fund," Yumul said.

"The exclusive [CLA] is a contract between IPI and the Commonwealth government, and the license must be held accountable for honoring all of its promises, including its Community Benefit Fund obligations," he added.

Saipan Tribune tried to obtain comments from IPI but the company did not respond to inquiries as of press time.

days later.

For more information on the parole extension process, visit <https://www.uscis.gov/news/alerts/northern-mariana-islands-long-term-legal-residents-relief-act-guidance-certain-individuals-present-commonwealth-northern-mariana-islands-cnmi>.

For information about applying for parole, visit <https://www.uscis.gov/laws/immigration-commonwealth-northern-mariana-islands-cnmi/parole-immediate-relatives-us-citizens-and-certain-stateless-individuals>.

students; provide them educational and career technical skills instruction; and deliver intensive personal, academic and employment counseling.

"The U.S. Department of Labor remains committed to serving through the Job Corps program," said assistant Labor Secretary for Employment and Training John Pallasch. "Through this demonstration project, we are exploring whether we can increase the number of at-risk youth Job Corps serves, as well as deliver educational and career skills instruction in a more cost-effective manner."

Through this project and its other partnerships with educational institutions, Job Corps strengthens the connection between workforce development and education. This demonstration project will also provide the department with insight into ways to improve the effectiveness of the Job Corps program.

Qualifying HBCUs, TCUs and public community colleges have until 4pm EST on Jan. 8, 2020, to submit proposals. The HBCUs and other educational institutions receiving a grant must use the funds to pay for items such as

tuition, student fees, books, supplies, counseling services, and room and board. The required student counseling services will help each student obtain a certification in a career skill or trade and secure full-time employment after completing the Job Corps Scholars Program. Additional details about the Job Corps Scholars Program, including how grantee performance outcomes are measured, are included in the funding opportunity announcement.

The Job Corps Scholars Program is designed to provide job training to 1,600 students over the course of two years. The grant period of performance for this funding opportunity announcement is 39 months, and the maximum amount of each grant is \$1,186,900. The department anticipates grant awards in spring 2020.

The department's mission is to foster, promote, and develop the welfare of the wage earners, job seekers, and retirees of the U.S.; improve working conditions; advance opportunities for profitable employment; and assure work-related benefits and rights. (PR)

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supe, will be periodically submerged during extreme tides or storm events.

"The island will still have 44 square miles of land in 2050, but not all of that land may be as functional or valuable as it is today," said Robbie Greene, coastal management specialist with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

Greene explained that in assessing sea level rise impacts, areas that may be underwater in 80 years are not the sole focus.

"We are also looking at parts of our community that might not function because coastal flooding will become more and more of a nuisance," Greene said. "Most of [the] CNMI's infrastructure is concentrated on Saipan's low-lying western coastal plain, which may be challenged by recurrent, temporary flooding in the next 20 years."

Greene, who, as the NOAA liaison for the Division of Coastal Resources Management, points out that the CUC power plant in Lower Base is a perfect example. While the power plant has not been affected by coastal floods, roads leading to it will likely get submerged in



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IVA MAURIN

the future.

"The power plant itself is not threatened by sea level rise, and hasn't really been impacted by coastal flooding," Greene said. "However, some of the access roads and nearby infrastructure within a quarter mile of the power plant will likely see coastal flood hazards in the coming decades."

In this sense, while the land area remains the same, the functionality of much of the infrastructure in Lower Base may "shrink."

This also applies to shorelines, including sandy beaches along the Tanapag Lagoon. Some areas around the Ameri-

can Memorial Park and Puerto Rico will also likely experience flooding at high tide in the next 30 years.

Fortunately, the CNMI has a substantial amount of time to begin adapting so that new investments and restoration/revival of outdated infrastructure are not as susceptible to future sea level change, Greene said.

Plenty of government agencies and offices in CNMI, in fact, have participated in climate adaptation working groups and trainings over the years, with several agencies even having produced guidance for the CNMI as to how

among others, in consultation with the governor.

The letter asked the CCC and the Lottery Commission about the actions they took, based on information gathered from audited financial statements for the years ended Dec. 31, 2017 and Dec. 31, 2018, and, if none were taken, why not.

"...Austerity measures for the Commonwealth government have continued into fiscal year 2020, and many critical public services and programs that have been ham-

pered by shortfalls in funding could be greatly assisted with distributions from the Community Benefit Fund," Yumul said.

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from the Community Benefit Fund," Yumul wrote to CCC executive director Edward Deleon Guerrero and CNMI Lottery Commission chair Mark Rabauliman.

The same letter asked both the CCC and the Lottery Commission to report to the Gaming Committee the status of IPI's compliance with the Casino License Agreement, or CLA.

"Pursuant to Section 16 of the CLA, IPI was required to contribute \$10 million to the Community Benefit Fund no later than Jan. 1, 2018, and another \$10 million to the same no later than June 1, 2018," Yumul wrote. "Thereafter, IPI is required to pay \$20 million every year, beginning on or before Oct. 1, 2019," he added.

The funds is supposed to be distributed to support community benefit programs such as education, scholarships, health care, and retirement benefits,

certain stateless individuals, and immediate relatives of people that are granted permanent status by CNMI immigration law. In total, Sablan noted that this legislation affects 1,039 individuals in the CNMI.

"All 1,039 had been granted humanitarian parole, when U.S. immigration law first came into effect in the Marianas, but the Trump administration ended that parole program," the statement noted, adding that the legislation also affects parolees who have employment authorization docu-

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gible parolees to apply for permanent resident status, hence the need to apply for re-parole.

"Individuals submitting a re-parole request would then receive a letter from USCIS granting a further parole period. There is no fee to file the request," Sablan's statement noted.

P.L. 116-24 was written with the intent to provide permanent status in the NMI for parents and spouses of U.S. citizens, in-home caregivers,

ers who are dedicated to building more resilient communities," said FEMA Region IX Administrator Robert Fenton.

Super Typhoon Yutu is recognized as the strongest typhoon ever recorded to hit the Mariana Islands and the second strongest to hit the United States or its territories.

Yutu made landfall on Tinian and Saipan on Oct. 24, 2019, bringing with it sustained wind speeds of 130 to 180 mph.

During Yutu's rampage, it took the life of two residents, injured at least 133, and damaged large portions of Saipan and Tinian's infrastructure.

U.S. President Donald J. Trump's major disaster declaration was announced on Oct. 26, 2018 and made federal funding available for NMI residents.

All government agencies prioritized debris removal and the restoration of power and water for residents.

"By engaging the full capacity of the private and nonprofit sectors, including businesses, faith-based and disability organizations, and the...public, in conjunction with the participation of local, territorial, and federal governmental partners to shape a more effective path to societal security and resilience, together, we hope to restore, redevelop, and revitalize the health, social, economic, natural, and environmental fabric of the community and build a more resilient CNMI," the FEMA and Torres administration statement noted.



## Celebrate this Halloween with Monster Mash

Kick off this year's Halloween celebration by dressing up in your best costumes and joining in the Marianas Monster Mash of the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs on Thursday, Oct. 31.

Conceptualized as a Halloween night parade, the Marianas Monster Mash will be the first one that will be held on the island, said DCCA Secretary Robert H. Hunter.

"We tried to work this so that after the Trunk-or-Treat, or whatever anyone else might be doing, [people can] come out and march in costume in the parade. We are going to have costume contests and some other things going on at the [Thursday] Night Market," Hunter added.

The "Walk, Roll and Dance" Parade will begin at 7pm at the American Memorial Park and would end at the Thursday Night Market at the Garapan Fishing Base. Following the parade is a costume contest, the announcement of the Scarecrow Show winner, and the Halloween Row where everyone can go trick or treating at the Street Market.

"There will be a scarecrow contest and some special booths that are specifically Halloween related," Hunter said. "We are doing it to bring joy to the kids, to make Halloween a little bit more exciting for the kids."

Register online at <http://tinyurl.com/y53b5jj7> to participate in the parade, compete in the costume contest, decorate scarecrows for the Scarecrow Show, or to give out treats at the Halloween Row.

Registration is free and open to everyone—individuals, groups, schools, organizations, private sector, and all government agencies. The deadline to register is on Monday, Oct. 28, at 4pm.

The Marianas Monster Mash is made possible through partnerships with the Office of the Mayor of Saipan, Marianas Visitors Authority, Department of Public Safety, Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services, Commonwealth Health Care Corp., Women's Affairs Office, Indigenous Affairs Office, Youth Affairs Office, Commonwealth Office of Transit Authority, Joeten-Kiyu Public Library, Motherread/Fatheread, National Park Service-American Memorial Park/Pacific Historic Parks, DCCA Child Care Licensing Program, DCCA Division of Youth Services, DCCA Commonwealth Respite Service Program, and DCCA Sports and Recreation. *(Iva Maurin)*

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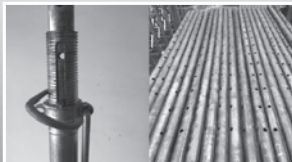
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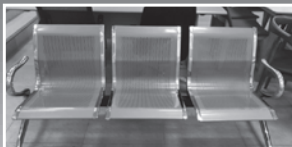
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## Garapan home robbed

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Saipan Tribune learned that the robbery happened between 7pm and 9pm Tuesday night, after the home owner came home and noticed the missing items. She called 911 around 9pm.

Word about the robbery spread after friends of the victim posted news of the incident on Facebook and urged the public to call the owner or the police if they have information about it. It was noted

that the owners were still checking if any further items were stolen.

The owner and the Department of Safety cautioned the public about anyone who will be selling some of the stolen items and to call the police if anyone tries to sell them some of the items.

DPS said yesterday that this case is still under investigation and asked the community's help to report any clues that could help solve this case.

If you have any information about this robbery, call 911 or the CNMI Crime Stoppers to remain anonymous at (670) 234-7272. (Marc A. Venus)

## 'Typhoons drive up the demand for insurance'

Last Monday, the Marianas was lucky to have been spared by Typhoon Bualoi, the second typhoon to hit the CNMI in just two weeks. Just a week before that, Super Typhoon Hagibis also tracked through the CNMI on its destructive path to Japan but, again, sparing the CNMI.

Early this year, the Trump administration announced plans to overhaul the National Flood Insurance Program, that, beginning in October 2020, aims to tie premiums to the actual flood risk that homes nationwide could face.

As storms continue to affect the islands, and with increased frequencies and rapid intensification, insurance companies are also taking note of sea level rise, with demand for flood insurance in the CNMI also getting higher.

Century Insurance Co. Ltd. general manager Magtanggol H. Corpus attested that the insurance industry is affected by these climate extremes.

Corpus explained that high

water, and even tidal waves, are covered by insurance. People have to pay a certain premium as a typhoon is different from a flood. Flood is a different category and has an additional premium.

"The insurance industry is affected. Imagine four typhoons in the last three years," Corpus said. "The demand got higher after Yutu. There are people who became conscious about storms. Sometimes it's healthy, because people tend to be lax but we don't want that thing to happen on a very small interval of time."

There is a correlation between flooding brought about the climate change/sea level rise and the demand for flood insurance.

"Especially if you are a believer in global warming," Corpus said. "I have attended at least three seminars in Singapore and a couple in Australia and I would say 80% of insurers worldwide believe in global warming. They do believe." (Iva Maurin)

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By **FERDIE DE LA TORRE**  
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Skymark Airlines Inc. announced yesterday the launch of its first ever regular international service, a non-stop flight connecting Narita, Japan and Saipan starting Nov. 29, 2019.

Skymark's daily regular flights are scheduled to depart Tokyo at 10:15am, arriving at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport at 3pm.

In a press release yesterday, Skymark said it is offering affordable fare options that are already available in Japan domestic flights to its first ever regular international service.

Skymark also introduced a special offer called "Saipan Special" to mark the launch of the new route between Tokyo and Saipan.

Tickets will be on sale from Nov. 1 to Dec. 31, 2019.

Under the "Saipan Special" promotion, from Nov. 29, 2019, to March 28, 2020, Skymark's special offer for one-way fare per passenger is \$38 or 3,800 Japanese yen.

Taxes and fuel surcharge, however, will be imposed in addition to the applicable international flight fare.

In welcoming Skymark's announcement, Gov. Ralph DLG. Torres said Japan and the Japanese tourism market are very valuable to the Marianas and that they are all excited with the launch of direct flights next month.

"Everyone in our community is looking forward to Skymark's service, and we cannot wait to fully welcome back our Japanese visitors to

**» Under 'Saipan Special' promotion, one-way ticket is only \$38 plus fuel surcharge, taxes**

our beautiful islands," said Torres in the Marianas Visitors Authority's press release.

The governor thanked Skymark president Masahiko Ichie and his team for their partnership with the CNMI to make yesterday's announcement a reality.

"Skymark's success is the Marianas' success," Torres said.

Lt. Gov. Arnold I. Palacios said Japan and the Marianas are connected by history and culture more than any other island nation in the Pacific.

With this new partnership

with Skymark, the relationship between Japan and the Marianas will grow closer and stronger together, Palacios said.

"We look forward to welcoming you all back to your second home on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota," Palacios said.

MVA managing director Priscilla M. Iakopo expressed MVA's gratitude to Skymark for announcing the new regular air service.

Iakopo said there has been much hard work and perseverance in making this possible and that MVA is excited for the new opportunities the service will open.

Iakopo said MVA is committed to ensuring the success of these flights with its marketing and promotional support.

"We warmly welcome all Japanese visitors to our beautiful islands," she said.

From March to September this year, Skymark flew 19 charter flights to Saipan.

Last March 22, Skymark made a historic touchdown on Saipan with a chartered B737-800 plane carrying 173 passengers, making it the first Japanese carrier to fly directly to Saipan since Japan Airlines withdrew from the CNMI in 2005.

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# Naturalization ceremony swears in 20 new citizens

The first thing Susan L. Macario would do after being sworn in yesterday as a new U.S. citizen is go to the church and thank the Lord for a wonderful day.

Macario, 63, said that, just as what many people know, obtaining her U.S. citizenship is like traversing a long and winding road with so much obstacles.

"And right now, on this day, I would say I made it. It's like I just want to sing 'I made it through the rain,'" said Macario, smiling.

Macario was one of 20 new U.S. citizens who were sworn in in a naturalization ceremony in federal court yesterday. She was joined at the ceremony by 19 others who came from the Philippines, Canada, United Kingdom, South Korea, and China.

U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona administered their oath-taking.

Macario, who hails from Manila, first came to Saipan in November 1987 when she worked as an accountant for Modern Stationery. She then transferred to the Office of the Public Auditor. Now Macario is part-owner and president of Shirley's Coffee Shop.

"Everything that we have achieved up to this day, I want to thank one specific person, Jerry Tan, who really helped us in our journey to obtain our citizenship," she said.

Macario's husband, Edgardo S. Macario, also obtained his U.S. citizenship at the same naturalization ceremony.

Edgardo Macario, who is from Makati, Philippines, followed his then-girlfriend, Susan Macario, to Saipan in April 1988. At that time, he was an accountant at JC Tenorio Enterprises. In 1991, the Macarios got married. They have three children.

At present, Edgardo Macario is the general manager of Shirley's Coffee Shop.

For James Q. Calderwood, who is from the United Kingdom, he said it is important to be part of a country that is respected worldwide.

Calderwood, who is married to a U.S. citizen, first came to the island in 1986 to work as an IT&E manager for network services. The 65-year-old Calderwood still holds the same position. He and his wife have three children.

So Jun Song, formerly of South Korea, could not hold her tears of joy. Song followed her Korean parents to Saipan in 2001 when she was just 8 years old. Song studied at Saipan Community School and at Southern High School, then went to Hawaii under a student visa, and joined the U.S. Army. Song then went to work at the Commonwealth Health Center as a nurse under



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona, leftmost, District Court law clerk Matthew Uhalde, extreme right, and Immigration Services Officer Shelia Keltly, behind Uhalde, pose for a group photo with the 20 new U.S. citizens after a naturalization ceremony in federal court yesterday morning.

a CW-1 visa permit. Now 27, Song could not hold back her tears after being sworn in.

Song said she enlisted in the U.S. military in 2013 and is just waiting for the U.S. Army to give her a call.

Matthew Uhalde, one of two law clerks at the U.S. District Court for the NMI, served as the guest speaker at the nat-

uralization ceremony.

Uhalde is a graduate of Cornell Law School of Cornell University in New York.

Uhalde said all four of his grandparents came to the U.S. from Europe.

He said his grandfather was grew up on a farm in southern France. When World War II broke out in 1939, his

grandfather, like many young men, was conscripted into the French army.

"They placed him right on the eastern front to fight against Germany, and when France almost immediately fell in 1940, the Nazis took him as a war prisoner and deported him to a camp in Germany to be used as slave labor," he said.

Uhalde said his grandfather managed to survive the rest of the war until the Soviets liberated him and he returned to France and got married.

Uhalde said that, as much as his grandparents loved their homeland in France, they ultimately decided to leave and went to the U.S.

"They had all heard, as have

countless others throughout the world, that this was the land of opportunity," Uhalde said.

All four of his grandparents settled in San Francisco.

"They bought beautiful houses, raised happy families and, by all measure, lived the American dream," he said.

The incredible thing about this country, Uhalde said, is that his family was not exceptional. Millions others have lived that experience and it doesn't matter where they originally came from or what circumstances they once were.

"Here, everyone has the opportunity to work hard and live the American dream," he said.

The other new citizens are Rezalina D. Barcinas, Roan F. Barcinas, Lingling Cheng, Jessie S. Dometita, Marlyn P. Dougherty, Mikaela Mari R. Hunter, Arcely F. Lacsina, Zenaida P. Laniyo, Xuankun Li, Min L. Macklin, Mark K. Moss, Tere-sita P. Pangelinan, Jacqueline C. Rosal, Lunisio M. Santiago, Eleazar Y. Sigua, and Lin Wang. *(Ferdie De La Torre)*




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# USGS study: Guam freshwater seen to ebb by 2080

If current climate conditions persist, Guam's water resources are projected to diminish by 2080 due to an increase in average temperature and decrease in average rainfall.

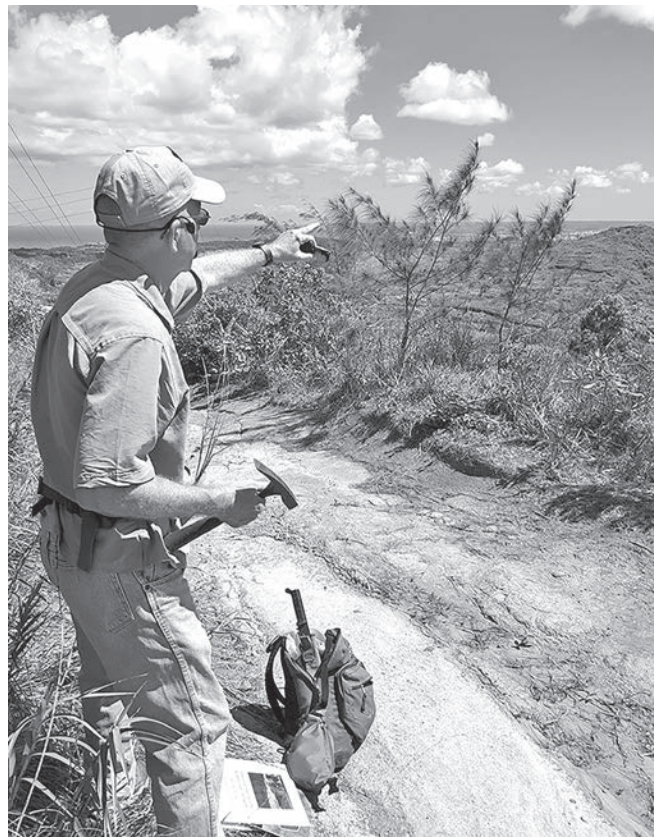
This was the prediction that came out of a federally funded U.S. Geological Survey study published on Sept. 30 that evaluates water resources on the island's U.S. Department

of Defense installations to determine how climate change and sea-level rise will affect freshwater availability.

The University of Guam, through the research of John W. Jenson, director of UOG's Water and Environmental Research Institute of the Western Pacific and professor of hydrogeology, was a key contributor of the

report along with U.S. Geological Survey's Pacific Islands Water Science Center, the University of Hawai'i, The University of Texas, and the East-West Center.

The study examines Guam's main freshwater resources—the Northern Guam Lens Aquifer and the Fena Valley Reservoir—and their sources of intake, from streams to



John W. Jenson, director of the University of Guam's Water & Environmental Research Institute, points north from Mount Alutom to the Northern Guam Lens Aquifer during an executive tour offered by WERI in March 2018.

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of 18% in some areas of Southern Guam

■ Reduced groundwater recharge of the Northern Guam Lens Aquifer by 19%

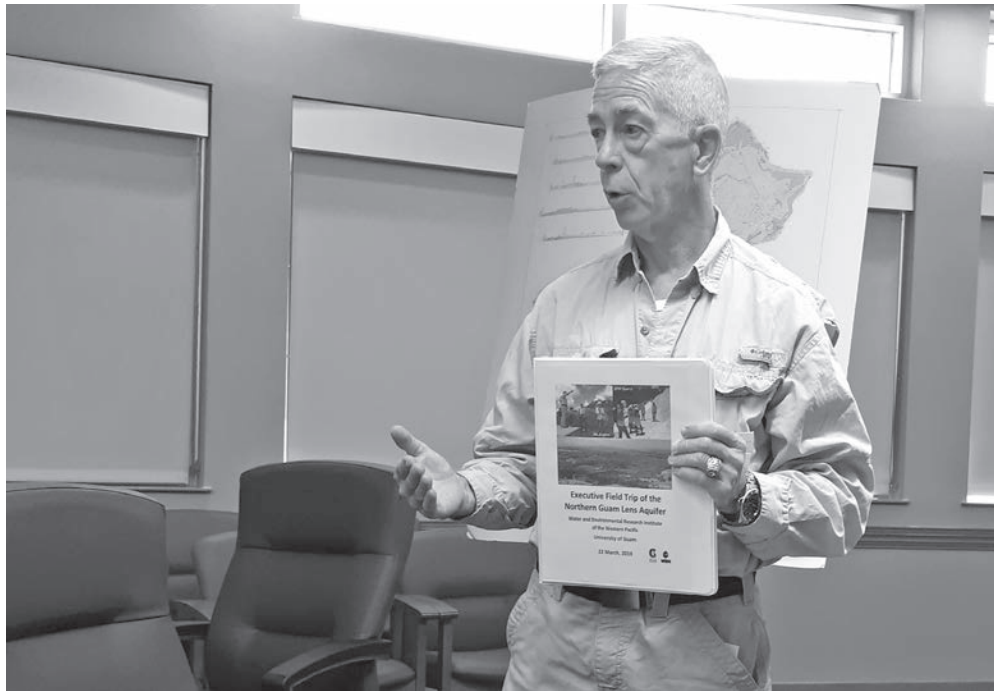
■ Decreased water availability from Fena Valley Reservoir but no water-level decrease at up to twice the 2018 demand rates

The study also recommends proactive strategies to mitigate the impacts, including lowering the water-supply intake elevation of Fena Valley Reservoir and increasing the height of the reservoir's spillway to increase its storage capacity.

The study used downscaled climate models that were funded by the UOG Pacific Islands Climate Adaptation Science Center, which also partially funded the report contributions made by Jenson and another co-author.

The study was initiated and funded primarily through the Strategic Environmental Research and Development Program of the U.S. Department of Defense.

The complete report and datasets detailing the projections and recommended courses of action can be found at <https://pubs.er.usgs.gov/publication/sir20195095>. (UOG)



John W. Jenson, director of the University of Guam's Water & Environmental Research Institute, provides background on Guam's aquifer for a group of local officials during a tour offered by WERI in March 2019.

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groundwater. Using Guam's climate history and future climate conditions informed by global climate models, the study noted several key projections for the future period

of 2080–2099:

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■ Decreased streamflow

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# Shannon Sasamoto leaves for Miss International tilt



2019 Miss Marianas Shannon Sasamoto.

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Shannon Sasamoto, the 2019 Miss Marianas, boarded her flight for Tokyo, Japan, early yesterday morning to compete with 82 other delegates from all over the world at the 2019 Miss International Pageant.

Sasamoto has been preparing for the past several months with the nonprofit pageant organization Stellar Marianas and feels ready to showcase the Marianas at one of the world's largest pageants.

"I feel so excited and ready. I would take this opportunity to advocate for our individual strengths and to embrace our differences—I am already very different from most of the contestants because of my height—but beauty, confidence and empowerment have no height requirement," said Sasamoto.

A student at Northern Marianas College aiming for a degree in Business Management, Sasamoto took a break to focus on training for the competition as well as become more active in the community, a bonus that helped with her training as well.

"Each time I attended a community event, I pushed myself out of my comfort zone and learned how to be more social, network with others and develop my public speaking skills. It has really helped me grow and progress with my confidence and I advise others to do the same," said Sasamoto.

"I think it is important to challenge yourself, especially in uncertain situations and to not let fear hold you back. You won't know unless you try," she added.

ally hard and giving it my best in representing our islands to the world," said Sasamoto.

For the first time in recent local pageant history, Sasamoto will be wearing for the evening gown competition, a gown designed and custom-made in the Marianas by Pena House Boutique.

"One of my most favorite parts of being queen is the fashion. I love fashion and dream of being a fashion designer and for me to be the first one to bring a gown designed and made in the Marianas is a childhood dream come true," said Sasamoto. "I am so grate-

ful for Michelle Sablan and Pena House Boutique for the dress and wardrobe, it's so amazing!"

The First Lady Diann T. Torres Foundation and Tribes Marianas also donated giveaways for Sasamoto to share with the delegates, Salina Beautiworks sponsored her hair makeover, GigiHill gave her work- and-play purses and bags, and TRESemme gave her \$1,000 cash and hair products for a year.

Sasamoto also continued her work with the NMI Girl Scouts, helping with the islands' first troop and upcom-

ing cookie season.

"It has been such a blast working with the young Girl Scouts and I am so happy to have this and the promotion of our local languages and traditions as my community platform," she said.

The young queen has been busy attending events on Saipan and Tinian and was the first queen to visit Rota during her reign for the Coconut Festival.

"Being Miss Marianas has made my love for our islands even grow deeper than ever before and I am so excited to share our spirit of hospitality, friendships, cultural diversity and the natural beauty of the Marianas on a global stage,"

said Sasamoto.

"I would like to personally thank Stellar [Marianas] as a whole for being the backbone in my progress and growth, to Stellar [Marianas] queens Jian, Peachy and Celine who have helped me, all my sponsors and, most especially, my mom, Elaine. I owe this accomplishment to her for her inspiration," she said. "And to all people of the Marianas, you are in my heart and all that I do, thank you."

Follow Sasamoto on Instagram @missnorthernmarianas or Stellar Marianas on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/stellarmarianas](http://www.facebook.com/stellarmarianas) for updates. (PR)



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# NAP to replace food stamp losses for October benefits

The Nutrition Assistance Program has been approved by the U.S. Department of Agriculture-Food and Nutrition Service to extend the reporting period for NAP households to report their benefit losses or food damage due to Super Typhoon Hagibis, which occurred on Oct. 7, 2019.

Household disasters are not to be construed as presidentially declared disasters, which prompts the implementation of DNAP or supplemental assistance.

Household disasters are for NAP households who encountered a destruction of their NAP coupons or the food they purchased with NAP coupons that have been destroyed as a result of fire or flood. Additionally, household disasters

cover food they purchased with NAP coupons that were spoiled due to an extended period of power outage of more than four hours. NAP household that encountered these incidences may request a replacement of their benefits equal to the dollar amount of their loss for the benefit month the destruction occurred.

In the case of the Super Typhoon Hagibis, the NAP may only replace a portion of the household's benefit for the month of October 2019 since it occurred on Oct. 7, 2019. Benefits received for the month of September 2019 or prior may not be replaced. Additionally, households that received their benefits after Oct. 7, 2019, are not entitled to a replacement in consideration

that their October 2019 benefits were received after the storm and were not destroyed.

In case of extended power outages, NAP will generally not replace non-perishable foods such as canned goods that do not require refrigeration, unless it was lost from a home damage caused by the typhoon, or fire or flood. NAP will generally be inquiring about food losses categorized as perishable foods such as fruits, vegetables, frozen foods and grains.

In coordination with the Commonwealth Utilities Corp., NAP has received a report related to the duration of power outages on Saipan, Tinian and Rota. Based on the report, all feeders on Saipan were offline for an average period of 13.12 hours. That means they were offline for more than 10 hours.

Two of Tinian's three feeders were offline. Feeder 2 was offline for about eight hours, while Feeder 3 was offline for a little over 12 hours. Feeder 4 on Tinian was not offline. There were no reported power outages on Rota. NAP Households that encounter benefit or food losses due to power outage of more than four hours may request for a replacement.

Assessments are ongoing to determine the effects related to Typhoon Bualoi. If reports indicate that replacements are warranted, a separate statement will be issued.

NAP will begin accepting requests for replacement for Saipan NAP households

beginning Monday, Oct. 28, 2019, through Wednesday, Nov. 6, 2019, from 8am to 3pm. The NAP office will be closed on Nov. 4, 2019, which is Citizenship Day, a legal holiday. The Saipan NAP office is located at the JTV Commercial Building in As Lito.

Tinian NAP households may submit requests for replacement beginning Tuesday, Oct. 29, 2019, through Wednesday, Nov. 6, 2019, at the San Jose Gymnasium.

Based on NAP records, there were approximately 1,429 households on Saipan and 175 on Tinian who received their October 2019 benefits prior to Oct. 7, 2019.

Households will be required to fill a verification form and declaration form attesting to the destruction or loss of benefits; indicate the amount of loss; and state they are aware of the penalties for intentional misrepresentation of facts.

For more information, contact the NAP office at 237-2842 or 237-2843 or visit its Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/nap.cnmi>. **(PR)**

# Man allegedly beats up common-law wife for catching a bouquet at a wedding party

A man allegedly beat up his common-law wife for catching a bouquet thrown by a bride during a wedding party they attended in Kagman last Saturday night.

Christopher Wabol, 42, was arrested for assault and battery-domestic violence, and disturbing the peace.

Police said the victim had bruises on the left side of her face and a small cut inside her lower lip.

At a hearing Wednesday, Superior Court Associate Judge Wesley Bogdan imposed a \$5,000 cash bail on Wabol.

A hearing on Wabol's request to modify the bail was set for yesterday.

who catches the bride's bouquet will be the next one who will get married).

Wabol allegedly called his wife to their car, where he allegedly punched her repeatedly in the face.

The victim told police that she, Wabol, and their 6-year-old daughter left the wedding Saturday at 11:30pm.

The victim said when they arrived home, Wabol continued beating her. She said she was still in the passenger seat of the car when Wabol pulled her out. As she was walking to the front door of their house, Wabol allegedly lifted her from behind, slammed her to the ground, and began beating her.

She said their daughter, who was inside the car, witnessed the beating.

The victim said Wabol punched her repeatedly on the left side of her face and upper left chest, causing injuries.

It was Sunday at 12:11am when police responded to the residence after receiving a call about a disturbance. **(Ferdie de la Torre)**

According to police detective Eugene O. Dillay, preliminary investigation showed that Wabol and his live-in partner had just attended a wedding party in Kagman III when the alleged beating happened.

At the wedding, Wabol reportedly got mad at his partner for catching the bouquet thrown by the bride. (It's a customary idea that the girl

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**NOTICE OF APPLICATION**  
**As of October 25, 2019**

THE FOLLOWING IS A PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF COASTAL PERMIT APPLICATIONS RECEIVED BY THE DCRM OFFICE:

APPLICANT	DATE APPLICATION RECEIVED	APPLICATION PROJECT DESCRIPTION	LOCATION	TYPE	STATUS
1. First Pacific Investment, Inc.	06/26/2019 SMS-2019-X-045	Asia Pacific Hotel	Garapan, Saipan	Major Siting-New	Application Certified Complete* 09/16/2019
2. GPPC, Inc.	08/06/2019 TMS-2019-X-048	Rock Quarry	Tachungnya, Tinian	Major Siting-New	Application Certified Complete* 10/15/2019
3. Geming Xu dba Li Xu, LLC	09/05/2019 SMS-2019-X-060	Latte Stone Hotel	Garapan, Saipan	Major Siting-New	Application Certified Complete* 10/15/2019
4. IT&E	10/17/2019 TPI-2019-X-007	Fiber Drop Installation	Tinian	Ports & Industrial	Under Review*
5. Docomo Pacific, Inc.	10/04/2019 RLRm-2019-X-1004	Fiber Optic Repair	Rota	Lagoon & Reef	Approved* 10/15/2019
6. CAP, LLC	09/27/2019 SS-2020-X-001	Renovation of Commercial Space and Parking Lot	Oleai, Saipan	Shoreline	Approved* 10/16/2019
7. Glory, Inc.	10/16/2019 SLR-2020-X-003	Snorkeling & Scuba Diving	Grotto, Saipan	Lagoon & Reef	Under Review*
8. Sea N Sky, LLC	10/17/2019 STLR-2020-X-004	Scuba Diving Tour Operation & Instruction	All Designated Dive Sites on Saipan & Tinian	Lagoon & Reef	Under Review*

NMIAC §15-10-210 of the CRM Rules and Regulations requires all permit applications to be published in a newspaper for general circulation within the CNMI within 15 days of receipt of application. The list reflects recently received permit applications and those with a recent change in status. New applications are marked with an asterisk (\*).

The Public is invited to submit written comments regarding any of the above projects for which a permit decision has not been issued. All permit comments should identify the project by application number. Your comments should be mailed or hand-delivered to the DCRM Office. All persons who desire a public hearing regarding any project may do so by submitting a written request for a public hearing to the DCRM Office within fourteen (14) days for minor permits (APCs) and proposed amended major sitings. Public Hearings are required for all new major siting projects. All public hearing notices are published in a local newspaper of general circulation. Residents of Rota and Tinian may submit comments and hearing requests to their local DCRM Coordinator. Persons wishing to retain the right to appeal a DCRM Permit decision must file a notice of appeal with the DCRM office within thirty (30) days of the issuance of the DCRM permit decision as provided in Part 200 § 15-10-235 of the DCRM Regulations.

**Nestor Mathew C. Taitano**  
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789-5921/235-3845 (Nora)

Pro se

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS**

Nestor Mathew C. Taitano  
Petitioner

vs.

Li Li Taitano  
Respondent

**FCD-DI-CIVIL ACTION**  
NO. 18-0373

**SUMMONS**

TO: Li Li Taitano

**YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED** and notified to file any answer you wish to make to the Complaint, a copy of which is given to you herewith, within thirty (30) days after service of the Summons upon you, and to deliver or mail a copy of your answer to Nestor Mathew C. Taitano whose mailing address is P.O. Box 503730 Saipan as soon as practical after filing your answer or sending it to the Clerk of Court for filing.

Your answer should be in writing and filed with the Clerk of Court at P.O. Box 500307 Saipan MP 96950. It may be prepared for you by your counsel and sent to the Clerk of Court by messenger or mail. It is not necessary for you to appear personally until further notice. If you fail to file an answer in accordance with this Summons, Judgment by Default may be taken against you for relief in the Complaint.

Dated this 20th day of September, 2018

/s/ Clerk of Court

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**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS**

In the Matter of the Estate of ESTEBAN RASIAN NGIGIS, Deceased.

**CIVIL ACTION**  
NO. 05-0113

**10th AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to an Order issued by the Court in this matter on April 16, 2008, I will sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the terms and conditions set forth hereinbelow, all of the right, title, and interest of Esteban Rasing Nogis in and to the following property:

**Legal Description of the property:** Tract no. 22703-2, situated in Chalan Laulau, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands

**Total area of the property:** 1,484 square meters

**Known encumbrances:** none

**Date, Time, Place of Sale:** The sale will be held on Friday, November 1, 2019, at the hour of 1:30 p.m., at the Law Offices of Michael A. White, LLC, Joeten Center, Susupe, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. The sale will be open to the general public. A copy of a title insurance report for the property is available to any prospective bidder upon request.

**Terms and Conditions of Sale:** The Terms and Conditions of Sale may be obtained from the undersigned, either prior to or at the sale. These terms and conditions shall govern the conduct of the sale.

DATED, this 2nd day of October, 2019:

/s/ MICHAEL A. WHITE, Auctioneer



## COMMUNITY BRIEFS

### Attention: All CNMI veterans

The Guam Vet Center will be conducting a registration drive on Saipan on Oct. 28, 2019, from 5pm to 7pm at the VA Outreach Clinic at the MH-II Building, second floor, Marina Heights Business Park. If you may have any questions, contact (671) 472-7161. **(PR)**

### Free writing workshop today

The fourth Marianas Writers' Movement workshop on planning your novel is scheduled for today, Oct. 25, 2019, from 3pm to 5pm at the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library. This is a free writing workshop, open to the public ages 13 and older. The October prep writing workshops are for aspiring writers, with encouragement and support continuing through November during National Novel Writing Month, when you will write your novel (or memoir, or collection of stories or other book).

This project is part of the "Rekindling Marianas Narratives: Write Your Novel!" mini-grant program and is made possible by support from the Northern Marianas Humanities Council, a non-profit, private corporation funded in part by the National Endowment for the Humanities. **(PR)**

### Resiliency Fest tomorrow

The Resiliency Fest is happening tomorrow, Oct. 26, at the Marianas Business Plaza. Admission is free.

Organized by the Lady Diann Torres Foundation, the festival, which will be from 5pm to 10pm, will feature The John Dank Show and local artists like Studio 29:11, Saipan Music & Dance Studio, Goddhy, Daggy Diggers, and Big Jay Selepeo.

There will also be a distribution of relief goods. Crisis counselors will also be there. The foundation is also selling "resiliency shirts" for adults and children, as a fundraiser.

For more information on the Resiliency Fest, or to help LDTF, contact the foundation at (670) 235-5383. **(IM)**

### Free medical mission in Koblerville this Sunday

The Pentecostal Missionary Church of Christ (4th Watch) will be hosting a free medical mission this Sunday, Oct. 27, from 2pm to 6pm, at the Hannam Supermarket parking lot in Koblerville. There will be free services such as blood sugar and blood pressure checks, facial cleansing, and massages.

PMCC will also be giving away 30 reading glasses as well as 75 bags of toiletries on a first come, first served basis. There will also be snacks and refreshments.

"This is part of the celebration of our 20th anniversary," said church pastor Claire Javillonar. PMMC has been conducting free medical missions annually since 2012.

After Sunday, the next medical mission will be on Nov. 24 at the Minachom Atdao at Kilili Beach in Susupe, for Susupe and San Jose villagers.

For more information, contact Javillonar at 789-7566. **(Iva Maurin)**

### DPS to host Halloween 'haunted passage'

The Department of Public Safety, in collaboration with the Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services, the Department of Corrections, and the DPS Employee Association Inc., will be hosting a haunted passage way on Oct. 29.

The event, named "Terror on Tekken Street," will be at the DPS Bureau of Motor Vehicles' parking lot, right behind the Guma' Hustisia courthouse in Susupe. Public parking is designated in front of the courthouse.

Entry is free and is open to the public. It will be from 6:30pm to 9pm. DPS advises the public to be cautious when out with children; to look both ways before crossing; to keep count of individuals when in groups, with one chaperone in front and behind the group; and to be aware of their surroundings when venturing into the passage. **(MAV)**

### SHRM meeting on Oct. 30

The Society for Human Resource Management NMI Chapter will have its membership meeting on Oct. 30, 2019, at the Pacific Islands Club Saipan's Charley's Cabaret beginning at 11am. It will feature Public School System Cooperative Education program coordinator Brandon Nicholas and Northern Marianas Coalition Against Domestic & Sexual Violence executive director Maisie Tenorio. This meeting is open to the public.

The presentation includes a lunch buffet at the cost of \$20 for SHRM members and \$30 for non-members. Reserve your seat by contacting Penny Jones by email at penelope.jones@hyatt.com or Denise Montenegro at denise.montenegro@hyatt.com or by telephone at 323-5867/68. **(PR)**

### Golf tournament fundraiser for JKPL

The 4th Annual Friends of the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library Golf Tournament Fundraiser will take place on Sunday, Nov. 10, at Laolao Bay Golf & Resort's west course. Game format is Low Gross and Double Peoria, 2-Person Scramble (Men and Women). Cost to participate is \$200 entry per team. All proceeds will help support the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library and its resource and collection

development, circulation materials, and library programs. Last day to register is Thursday, Nov. 7, at 5pm. **(PR)**

### Business Expo 2019 on Nov. 9

The Saipan Chamber of Commerce will hold its newly re-instated Chamber Business Expo on Saturday, Nov. 9, from 9am to 4pm at the Saipan World Resort. The goal is for Chamber members to showcase their company and new products and services to the local market. Registration is currently open and deadline for applications is Friday, Nov. 1, 2019, by 5pm.

Reservations for booths are on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Contact Noelani McMahon at coordinator2@saipanchamber.com or call the Chamber office at (670) 234-7150. **(PR)**

### Saipan to host terrestrial conservation conference

The 3rd Annual Marianas Terrestrial Conservation Conference & Workshop will be held on Nov. 18-20, at the Hibiscus Hall of Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan in Garapan. Registration is free and open to the public, and will include presentations on terrestrial conservation, field trips and activities such as pre-conference proa rides and Mariana swiftlet field trip, and a lizard identification trip at American Memorial Park. To register,

visit [marianasterrestrialconservation.org](http://marianasterrestrialconservation.org). It also includes a birding trip, tree planting for Yutu recovery, Jeffrey's Beach tour, and native limestone forest hike. For more information about the conference, or for donations (financial or in-kind) to help with organizational costs as well as to raise funds to enable students to travel to the conference to present their research, email Jill Liske-Clark at [liskeclark.cnmidfw@gmail.com](mailto:liskeclark.cnmidfw@gmail.com). **(PR)**

### JKPL to host Trunk-Or-Treat anew

The Joeten-Kiyu Public Library will be hosting the 8th Annual Community Halloween Trunk-Or-Treat on Oct.

31, 2019, from 2:30pm to 5:30pm at the library's parking lot in Susupe.

Held every year in collaboration with the organization Friends of the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library, the library will be sponsoring a Halloween contest for "Best Trunk" and "Best Recyclable Book Costume."

For more information, call the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library at 235-7322/7323 or email [cnmistatlibrary@gmail.com](mailto:cnmistatlibrary@gmail.com).

The library will be open briefly this Halloween from 10am to noon.

The library's parking lot will be closed to the public on Oct. 31, 2019, for the Trunk-Or-Treat Event. **(PR)**

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### EDITORIAL

## A dignified burial for Atatiana Jefferson so this community can start healing

**T**o all the terrible turns in the killing of Atatiana Jefferson, fatally shot by a Fort Worth police officer, now is added a heartbreaking family dispute over who had the right to bury her.

The ugly drama saw her original funeral stopped by a temporary restraining order a day before her services, then finally rescheduled for Thursday at a third announced church after family members on both sides appeared in court.

We're relieved that at least this part of this tragic case has been settled. Someone decided that this isn't a battle worth continued fighting. It's time to get on with honoring this woman's life so this community can start the long process of healing.

We're not here to take sides in this dispute. We don't know what was discussed in this closed hearing before Probate Court Judge Brenda Hull Thompson, and she's wisely issued a gag order to prevent the parties from talking.

We know that Marquis Jefferson was granted a temporary restraining order saying he was Atatiana Jefferson's father and was left out of the planning for the funeral that other family members had set.

Under the best of circumstances, when a loved one is senselessly killed emotions run high as families deal with their unspeakable grief. And when it's a death like Jefferson's -- a 28-year-old shot through a window after she had been playing video games with her nephew in her own home -- that extends to the whole community.

That Jefferson was a black woman killed by a white officer, Aaron Dean, on Oct. 12 conjures the same frustrations for an area still reeling from the emotional murder conviction and sentencing of a former Dallas police officer, Amber Guyger, earlier this month.

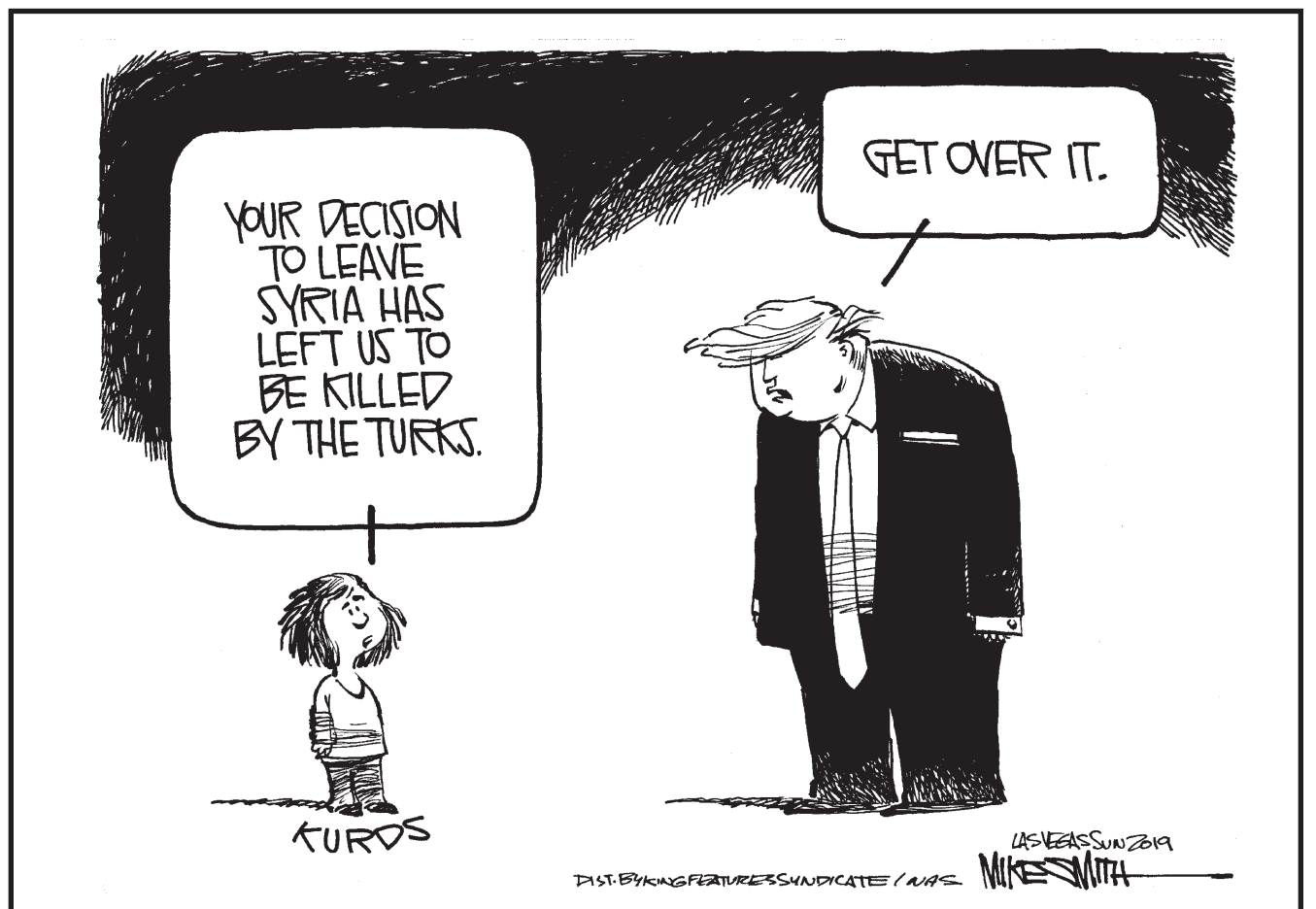
As with victim Botham Jean in the Dallas shooting, Jefferson has become a symbol of terrible injustice that has happened to African Americans at the hands of police.

But we shouldn't forget that she was a human being cut down before she could realize the best of what her life could become.

It's our hope that her family members can now band together to celebrate her short life at Thursday's service, now set for Concord Church in Dallas.

She deserves that.

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## The sky is falling!

**Y**ou say you never heard of the Smiling Cove Marina dock takeover by Fish and Wildlife until the poor tourists were already standing in the sun for hours waiting to go have fun on Managaha and you saw it on TV? Neither did I or anyone else except insiders. How did this happen without any public knowledge? Why no public hearings or posting of the new, likely illegal, regulations for public comment? Because the Department of Lands and Natural Resources claimed it was an "emergency" and used the emergency loophole to ramrod the new Fish and Wildlife regulations into immediate effect as if a real emergency had taken place. No such emergency existed then or now. There were no different circumstances two days before the Sept 9, 2019, secret filing of an emergency declaration or two weeks or two months or a year before. It was a move as phony as a 3-dollar bill. They simply screamed "emergency, the sky is falling, the sky is falling" and got away with it...so far.

Take a look for yourself [https://cnmilaw.org/pdf/cnmiregis-ter/2019\\_Volume\\_41/2019\\_Number\\_09.pdf](https://cnmilaw.org/pdf/cnmiregis-ter/2019_Volume_41/2019_Number_09.pdf)

A renowned attorney, well-versed in federal and CNMI laws regarding how these two wayward government agencies may operate, legally confided in me that the "emergency" declaration and the regulations themselves are likely indefensible if challenged in court. (boat operators association take note). This professional also points out that, while 2 CMC Section 5107 allows Fish and Wildlife to operate a revolving account (the Game Conservation Fund) that does not require appropriation for monies collected by DFW, it is only allowed for permits, licenses, penalties and fines as might benefit an organization dedicated to preserving fish and wildlife instead of operating a commercial marina. Notice there is no mention of keeping any money collected for tourist fees or docking rents. The Office of the Public Auditor may want to take note of what monies are collected, under what categories and how they are disbursed later. Are they being used for game conservation?

An additional issue crops up when a government entity like DFW is federally funded, which it is. With respect to "when a federal funded agency such as DFW collects money in a separate fund, the feds often consider that money to be "program income." Program income normally must be spent in a manner congruent with the federal grant. You can't just use it for anything. The basic theory is that federal money has generated the income and therefore it must be used like federal money." This obligates accounting practices, and a host of regulatory restrictions as to the money's use. I'm sure they will be watching.

And another issue. Is there regulatory authorization for DFW/DLNR to do what they are doing? An agency cannot simply make up new fees—they must be authorized by law. Is there such an authorizing law? What is it? When was it enacted?

### SOUR GRAPES

By **BRUCE BATEMAN**

Special to the Saipan Tribune

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And another issue. Since DLNR operates the Outer Cove and DFW only has regulations authorizing it to operate the Smiling Cove, how is DFW involved in the closure of the Outer Cove to commercial traffic? By whose authorization?

And another issue. Remember, the whole rationale behind their "emergency" declaration is safety. Someone made a determination that Outer Cove wasn't safe. Such a determination would fall within the jurisdiction of (a) the U.S. Coast Guard and/or (b) CNMI Boating Safety. Maybe even the Department of Public Works. But DLNR or DFW certainly would not have that authority. Just who declared the Outer Cove Marina unsafe? What authority gives them the right to do so? What are the parameters of safety that are supposedly violated and, specifically, how were they measured?

While we are taking a closer look at the so-called emergency, here are the reasons given by DLNR in the official emergency declaration as quoted in the *Commonwealth Register* Volume 41 Number 09 September 28, 2018 Page 042788:

1. Outer Cove Marina has been unsafe for public use for loading passengers and customers is imminent; 2. Commercial operators using Outer Cove Marina for loading passengers and customers will thus be unable to utilize Outer Cove Marina; 3. Because Outer Cove Marina is unsafe, DLNR has allowed operators to utilize the Transient Dock within Smiling Cove Marina for loading and unloading of passengers; 4. No regulations are currently in place governing this use of the Transient Dock within Smiling Cove Marina; 5. These regulations will allow DLNR to regulate the use of the Transient Dock, collect appropriate fees for the maintenance and operation of the Transient Dock, and ensure the safety of the public.

No. 1 gets a D—in freshman English for sentence structure but does admit that, past tense, Outer Cove has been unsafe all along while under DLNR jurisdiction.

Take a close look at reason No. 5. According to that, the hundreds of thousands of dollars DLNR wants to extort from boat operators and tourists is to be used to "for the maintenance and operation of the Transient Dock." In other words, the director's

See SKY on Page 15



# Impeaching the Donald

National legislators have opted to impeach President Trump without constitutional legitimacy. It's shallow politics over the stability of our country.

If the effort succeeds it would "corrupt the clarity of the intent to uphold democracy and safeguard the right of the people" to elect their representatives.

Sure, Democrats may not like Trump's demeanor but it's obvious the political agenda to trip him at all cost to prevent his re-election in 2020. But a constitutional process is in place to deal with this issue.

I'm not particularly enamored by Trump but he's done a stellar job creating some seven million jobs that gave nearly the same number of people employment who wanted to regain pride earning their dues by working on meaningful occupations. Is success in favor of fellow countrymen a legitimate reason for impeachment? The last time jobs were available by the thousands was in 1939.

I looked into pertinent constitutional provisions on impeachment that says, "The *President*, Vice *President* and all civil Officers of the *United States*, shall be removed from Office on *Impeachment* for, Conviction of, Treason, Bribery, or other high Crimes and Misdemeanors.

In the absence of actual violation of constitutional law how do you impose impeachment? It's an unusually dangerous precedent!

Indeed, Democrats may employ inquiry and impeachment each of which has its own process and lengthy procedure. Its use as a political tool was the very reason the founding fathers had second thoughts of its inclusion in the national constitution. It's good to revisit the genesis of this provision for historic clarity.

For governance to engage in tussles for the sake of upsetting

the apple cart doesn't benefit anybody at all. It's an overkill!

Finally, Trump is in office placed in the WH by 63 percent of voters. His removal per the Democratic Party's agenda is an attempt to usurp the voice of "we the people." The precipitous legislative procedure isn't "we the people." You've lost rationality, humiliating!

## Post:

But the Democrats moved the goal post in hopes of keeping the baseless narrative in the public domain. And they're busy cooking in caves! They can't figure out how the GOP has increased jobs, income, savings, and nationwide economic stability.

Nevertheless, by the time the suspect surgical review is done, over a billion dollars in taxpayers' money would have been wasted chasing after a non-existent tall blond shadow.

Well, I may not like the Donald but he deserves credit for his grand performance on the U.S. economy. Employment has increased by over six million jobs while income has also gone up simultaneously. Trump improved the quality of life for our countrymen amidst the challenge of the times. Is this ground for impeachment?

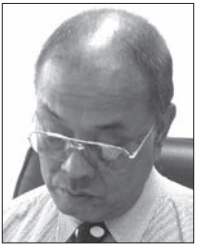
Giving jobs to more than six million countrymen is a tough performance to match, especially by heavily divided Democrats. It's not a conducive setting to rally behind helpful issues fellow countrymen hope to see hopefully soon.

## Investments

As foreign and complicated a concept it may sound, it is basically new money brought to the NMI or one of the islands that generates money and jobs for residents.

By **JOHN S. DELROSARIO JR.**

Special to the Saipan Tribune



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The new business brings employment, more taxes including income tax its employees must remit to the local treasury. So it's twofold: taxes and gainful employment. It creates wealth that sets the stage for a healthier and self-supporting island community. Families have the means of self-support.

At home, we work the clock attending to the needs of our children, especially their education. This is the most important investment we've made in our lifetime! We prepare our children to deal with their future on these isles, fully informed and poised to go on their own responsibly.

## Laws

It is said that public policy is what actually runs a country. It covers laws on the economy, education, and health care, among others. It includes the manufacturing and production of human needs.

Here at home we export by importing tourism, thus our thriving mini-tourism industry. Everything else like farm and sea products is for domestic consumption.

A lot of our people are attached to the local government and some in private industries. That there's no more room for government expansion means the focus should be investment in private industries.

While funds for small business development is available via various fund programs, I guess the biggest drawback is rooted in the culture of farming and fishing. We didn't hail from a culture of entrepreneurship. But we have embraced it to hone in investments.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

# Response to a Literary Joke

The left, liberals, conservatives, the right, and independents alike only sing praise or scold when it benefits their plight.

Let's write screwy poems about a President's fate but fail to disclose where the conspiracy originates.

While talking about dangling Ukraine bait, you fail to mention a Biden opened this gate.

Board member son rakes in millions and good ole dad threatens to withhold billions.

He brags the attorney must go or the Ukrainians won't get the dough.

Simply follow the money and it's easy to know, the Ukraine conspiracy starts with Hunter but ends with Joe.

Destroyed emails really? I guess Benghazi, Hillary's smashed phones, and bleach bit was just the right trying to be silly?

Every President for the past 50 years has closely watched Saudi oil and that's a stain.

Ever wonder what keeps fuel cost from becoming a pain?

No mention of China's desire for world dominance that continues to soar?

Oh...because Clinton's "Screw America" trade agreements allowed China to push the American worker out the door.

Granted there are some minor truths to some of what you say. Like all one-siders you ignore 90% of what put this in play.

**Mica F. Cochran**

Capital Hill, Saipan

## Stopsicle Trumpcycle Versicle

*Impeachment doubt? Can't throw him out? Vote him out!*

This is a modern satirical versicle to be spoken or sung by a leader (L) in a public gathering (perhaps a campaign rally) and followed by a response (R) from the people. It is like the chants and shoutouts we see and hear on TV prime time news, computers and boob tube.

(L) All good people please listen here

(R) We are listening our neurons glistening

(L) It is about POTUS 45 I have some doubt

(R) Why not vote him out. Just vote him out

(L) He does not think and tweets too much

(R) His ideas stink. He is out of touch

(L) He constantly repeats what he just said

(R) His reasonable and rational brain parts are dead

(L) He often seems angry, dazed, and confused

(R) Logic and common sense brain parts not used

(L) He encourages followers negative chants

(R) That boosts the hype of his racist rants

(L) On his being reelected I have some doubt

(R) Vote him out! Vote him out! Vote him out!

(L) Doral summit, VP in Doonbeg, Scotch airport

(R) New input for breaking emolument clause report

(L) Tariffs failing, no process diplomacy revolting

(R) National Security Advisor #3 Bolton is bolting

(L) 45 at UN scowling much more often than smiling

(R) How many cases against him people are filing

(L) Impeachment hearings are scheduled to begin

(R) The US Senate will veto. People's votes will win.

## Let Us All Admit: Truth and BS

## SKY

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assurance that they would fix up the Outer Cove in a recent interview would not be allowed under the reasoning they used to declare the "emergency" in the first place. As mentioned in last week's column, it's all a hoax. There is no emergency, they don't intend to use the money for anything other than their secret purchase of the Transient Dock from the feds on time payments. Specifically DFW/DLNR didn't have the money and has a payment due in December of \$80,000, of which they have \$12 so they have invented this "emergency" to take the funds at the point of the government gun and use them for their agencies' own purposes.

Why do I care? Because they are doing irreparable harm to our

watersports, Managaha transfer, and sunset cruise tourism industries. Those are a very big part of tourism and nearly all of our incoming tourists visit Managaha and/or participate in watersports while they are here. Why should you care? Because tourism is our Commonwealth's only viable income producing industry. It's where the money comes from for nearly everything else we do.

One last word. The perpetrators of this Outer Cove hoax, DLNR, are the same folks that are asking to be given carte blanc ruling power over the Marpi area and want to be in sole charge of all the tourist sites up there under the guise of calling them public parks, which DLNR will control. What "emergencies" can we expect to find up there once they have their hands on it? What "fees" will be charged to get into those parks? Where will the black money really go? How long will the lines of buses and vans bearing tourists be as they queue up to the toilet-less sites? DLNR has had the toi-

lets locked at Smiling Cove for years, literally years, rather than maintain them for their marina customers. Now that is the kind of customer service we want ruling over our Marpi memorials and visitor sites. Not.

End of Rant. Thanks for reading Sour Grapes! Next week, something entirely different.

*White paper on black money:*

*Details are grey,*

*May age with time to yellow,*

*Opposition sees red,*

*Taxpayers green with envy.*






—MS Quotes

*The corruption of the best things gives rise to the worst.*

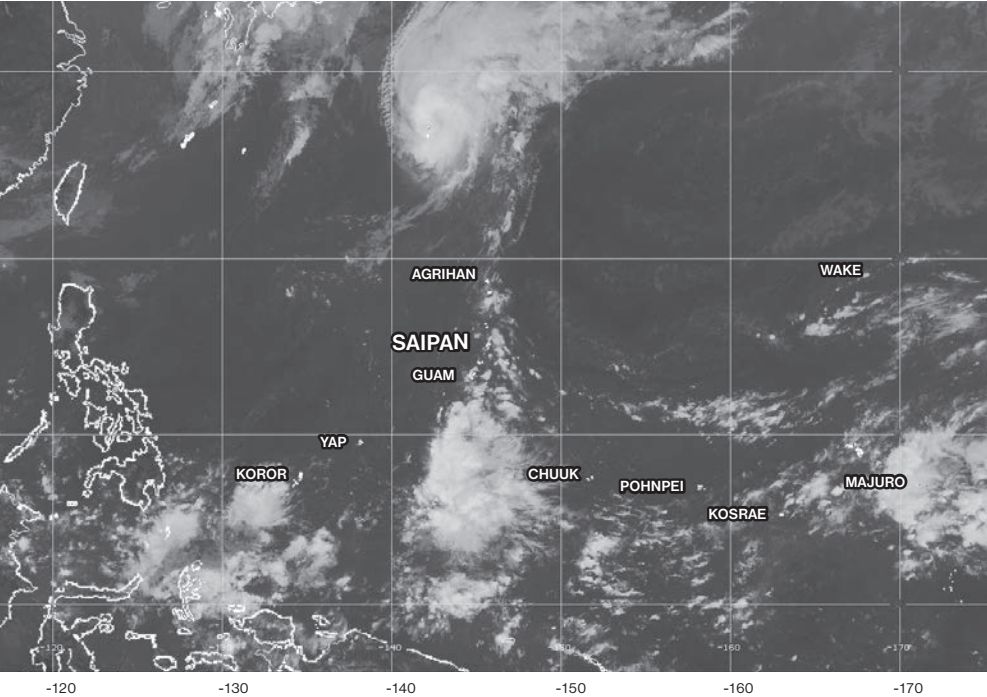
—David Hume



# The Weather

5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN									
TODAY		SATURDAY		SUNDAY		MONDAY		TUESDAY	
									
Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 15 to 20 mph.		Partly cloudy with isolated showers.		Partly cloudy with isolated showers.		Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms.		Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms.	
89°	78°	87°	77°	89°	78°	88°	78°	88°	78°

## YESTERDAY'S SATELLITE IMAGE



**PICTURE TIME: 9:19 AM, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2019**  
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Skies are partly cloudy across the Marianas with isolated showers, moderate northeast winds, and combined seas of 3 to 4 feet. Infrared satellite imagery shows cloudiness east of the marine zones with areas of scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: [www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/](http://www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/)

MICRONESIA			▲▼°F
Guam and Rota	Thunderstorms	85° / 78°	
Palau	Thunderstorms	85° / 78°	
Yap	Thunderstorms	86° / 79°	
Chuuk	Partly Sunny	87° / 80°	
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	88° / 76°	
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	88° / 76°	
Majuro	Thunderstorms	87° / 80°	

AROUND THE GLOBE			▲▼°F
Auckland	Partly Cloudy	63° / 54°	
Beijing	Sunny	59° / 34°	
Hong Kong	Mostly Sunny	84° / 75°	
Honolulu	Mostly Sunny	87° / 76°	
London	Showers	63° / 54°	
Los Angeles	Sunny	89° / 64°	
Manila	Partly Cloudy	91° / 79°	
Melbourne	Showers	59° / 48°	
Miami	Thunderstorms	85° / 80°	
New York	Sunny	66° / 52°	
Osaka	Mostly Cloudy	73° / 61°	
Paris	Mostly Cloudy	64° / 52°	
Busan	Partly Cloudy	66° / 48°	
Rome	Showers	73° / 55°	
Salem	Rain	71° / 63°	
San Francisco	Sunny	77° / 50°	
Seoul	Partly Cloudy	61° / 39°	
Tokyo	Mostly Cloudy	72° / 63°	
Washington, DC	Mostly Cloudy	69° / 51°	



### NMI CRIME STOPPERS

Anonymous tips can now be submitted through the following:

- Call 234-7272 (PARA) on any telephone
- \*11 on any IT&E cellular phone
- Log on to the internet at [www.nmicrimestoppers.net](http://www.nmicrimestoppers.net)

TIDES: SAIPAN HARBOR TODAY			FEET
4:28 AM	HIGH TIDE	1.63	
11:05 AM	LOW TIDE	0.06	
5:44 PM	HIGH TIDE	1.97	
-	-	-	

DAY	SUNRISE	SUNSET
Today	6:10 AM	5:51 PM
Saturday	6:10 AM	5:50 PM
Sunday	6:11 AM	5:50 PM
Monday	6:11 AM	5:49 PM
Tuesday	6:11 AM	5:49 PM

DAY	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOONRISE
Today	2:59 AM	3:45 PM	-
Saturday	3:59 AM	4:32 PM	-
Sunday	4:59 AM	5:18 PM	-
Monday	5:58 AM	6:05 PM	-
Tuesday	6:58 AM	6:53 PM	-

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FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF OCTOBER 15, 2019							
DEPARTURES				ARRIVALS			
SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)				GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN			
UA117	9:15am	9:57am	Daily	UA174	7:30am	8:07am	Daily
UA105	6:25pm	7:05pm	2, 4	UA104	4:50pm	5:31pm	2, 4
SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)				BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN			
7C3451	3:30am	6:30am	4	7C3452	9:05pm	2:10am+1	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7
7C3451	3:10am	6:10am	1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7	7C3452	9:35pm	2:30am+1	3
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)				SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN			
TW308	1:35am	5:20am	Daily	7C3402	9:30am	3:10pm	Daily
OZ626	2:20am	6:00am	1	TW307	7:00pm	12:35am+1	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
OZ626	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	TW307	7:05pm	12:35am+1	1
7C3403	4:45am	8:35am	1, 2, 3, 5, 7	OZ625	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
7C3403	5:00am	8:30am	4	OZ625	8:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
7C3403	5:00am	8:50am	6	7C3404	10:10pm	3:40am+1	1, 2, 4, 6, 7
7C3401	4:10pm	7:45pm	4, 7	7C3404	10:40pm	4:10am+1	3, 5
7C3401	4:10pm	8:10pm	1, 2, 3, 5, 6				
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)				SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN			
3U8648	6:10am	8:50am	1, 4, 5, 7	3U8647	10:30pm	4:30am+1	3, 4, 6, 7
SAIPAN-HANGZHOU (HGH)				HANGZHOU (HGH)-SAIPAN			
JD396	7:30am	12:05pm	1	JD395	8:05am	3:30pm	4
JD396	4:50pm	7:55pm	4	JD395	8:50pm	5:00am+1	7
SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)				GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN			
3U8646	4:30am	7:50am	2, 6	3U8645	8:10pm	3:10am+1	1, 5
SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)				BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN			
MU764	1:30am	6:00am	3, 5, 7	MU763	4:50pm	12:30am+1	2, 4, 6
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)				MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN			
OZ626/701	2:20am	11:05am	1 via ICN	OZ702/625	12:15pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ626/701	2:50am	11:05am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	OZ702/625	12:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
UA117/183	9:15am	8:50pm	2, 5 via GUM	UA192/174	9:45pm	8:07am+1	2, 5 via GUM-ROR
UA117/183	9:15am	9:10pm	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM	UA184/174	10:25pm	8:07am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
UA117/193	9:15am	10:40pm	2, 5 via GUM-ROR	UA184/174	11:30pm	8:07am+1	2, 5 via GUM
SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)				HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN			
OZ626/721	2:20am	11:40am	1 via ICN	OZ722/625	1:10pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ626/721	2:50am	11:40am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	OZ722/625	1:10pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
UO43	5:35am	8:25am	1	UO42	6:25pm	1:20am+1	7
UO43	5:50am	8:40am	3, 5, 7	UO42	9:25pm	4:20am+1	2, 4, 6

LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); 3U Sichuan Airlines, 7C Jeju Air, DL Delta Airlines, JD Beijing Capital, UO HK Express, HX HongKong Airlines, MU China Eastern, OZ Asiana Airlines, TW t'way Air, UA United Airlines, PR PAL Express; BC SkyMark ETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. (*The Saipan Tribune is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.*)

STAR MARIANAS AIR, INC.									
SAIPAN TO ROTA				1203	9:00AM	9:15AM	Daily		
FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY	1204	10:00AM	10:15AM	Daily		
1301	7:30AM	8:00AM	Daily	1205	11:00AM	11:15AM	Daily		
1302	11:30AM	12:00PM	Daily	1206	12:00PM	12:15PM	Daily		
1303	4:00PM	4:30PM	Daily	1207	1:00PM	1:15PM	Daily		
ROTA TO SAIPAN				1208	2:00PM	2:15PM	Daily		
FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY	1209	3:00PM	3:15PM	Daily		
3101	8:15AM	8:45AM	Daily	1210	4:00PM	4:15PM	Daily		
3102	1:45PM	2:15PM	Daily	1211	5:00PM	5:15PM	Daily		
3103	4:45PM	5:15PM	Daily	1212	6:00PM	6:15PM	Daily		
ROTA TO GUAM				TINIAN TO SAIPAN					
FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY	FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY		
3401	12:15PM	12:45PM	Daily	2102	7:30AM	7:45AM	Daily		
GUAM TO ROTA				2103	8:30AM	8:45AM	Daily		
FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY	2104	9:30AM	9:45AM	Daily		
4301	1:00PM	1:30PM	Daily	2105	10:30AM	10:45AM	Daily		
SAIPAN TO TINIAN				2106	11:30AM	11:45AM	Daily		
FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY	2107	12:30PM	12:45PM	Daily		
1201	7:00AM	7:15AM	Daily	2108	1:30PM	1:45PM	Daily		
1202	8:00AM	8:15AM	Daily	2109	2:30PM	2:45PM	Daily		
				2110	3:30PM	3:45PM	Daily		
				2111	4:30PM	4:45PM	Daily		
				2112	5:30PM	5:45PM	Daily		
				2113	6:30PM	6:45PM	Daily		



## Guam COLA payments now out

**HAGÁTÑA, Guam**—Days before the deadline of Nov. 1, approximately 8,000 Guam government retirees and their survivors can expect to receive their Cost of Living Adjustment payments today, Oct. 25. About \$14 million to cover the cost of COLA was released

to the Government of Guam Retirement Fund. COLA recipients will then receive the payments from the GGFR.

"We can meet obligations in advance of deadlines because of strong cash management," said Gov. Lou Leon Guerrero. "Our retirees are a priority and

they always will be."

COLA payments are released annually and are appropriated every fiscal year.

Lt. Gov. Josh Tenorio added: "COLA recipients are people who worked for years in service to the people of Guam. This is about helping people who worked a lifetime to meet the needs of daily living." **(PR)**

## BEH shuts down one in September

The Commonwealth Health Care Corp.'s Bureau of Environmental Health shut down one restaurant in September for serious violations of health and sanitation standards. In a press statement yesterday about the establishments it inspected in September, BEH said that the Pier Restaurant in Garapan was allowed to reopen three days after being shut down on Sept. 3 once the bureau's concerns had been resolved.

BEH conducts sanitary inspections on retail, eating, and drinking establishments ever month. Each establishment are inspected and graded on a scale that ranges from "A" to "C" and those that are closed down for serious violations of health and sanitation standards.

BEH's classification for food safety are: Grade A (90-100), Grade B (80-89), Grade C (70-79), and closure/suspension (69 and lower).

Other establishments inspected by the BEH for September, with the corresponding grades, are as follows:

### GRADE A

- ☐ Arriane Fish Mart, Garapan
- ☐ Welcome Supermarket, San Roque
- ☐ Welcome Butcher, San

### Roque

- ☐ Coffee and Bar Sands, Garapan
- ☐ VFW Club, Garapan
- ☐ Ace Hardware Retail, San Vicente
- ☐ Ace Hardware Retail, Gualo Rai
- ☐ Relox Bar, Garapan
- ☐ Mobil Retail, Garapan
- ☐ Mobil Retail, Koblerville
- ☐ Western Wholesale, Susupe
- ☐ I Love Saipan 102, Garapan
- ☐ JC Marketing Wholesale, Gualo Rai
- ☐ New Majestic Restaurant, Garapan
- ☐ LC Market, Gualo Rai
- ☐ LC Butcher, Gualo Rai
- ☐ The Water Company, Lower Base
- ☐ Lao Lao Bay - The Store, Kagman
- ☐ Lao Lao Bay - Black Ruby Karaoke, Kagman Panda House
- ☐ Waffles, Garapan

### GRADE B

- ☐ Serene Restaurant, Garapan
- ☐ My Space Restaurant, Garapan
- ☐ Fisherman's Wharf Restaurant, Garapan
- ☐ Kiss Karaoke, Garapan

- ☐ Summer Palace Karaoke, Garapan
- ☐ Night Scent Restaurant, Garapan
- ☐ Pili Karaoke Bar, Garapan
- ☐ Guang Zhou Restaurant, Garapan
- ☐ Da Ke Yi Restaurant, Garapan
- ☐ Mura Ichiban Restaurant, Garapan
- ☐ Swip Water, Sadog Tasi
- ☐ Cheer's Karaoke Bar, Garapan
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- ☐ Johnny's Bar and Grill, Garapan
- ☐ Tres Maria Market, Dandan
- ☐ Yummy Wave Restaurant, Garapan
- ☐ Lao Lao Bay - Tower Cafeteria, Kagman
- ☐ Lao Lao Bay- The Grill, Kagman

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- ☐ Southern Terrace Restaurant, Garapan
- ☐ Ladder Beach Restaurant, Obyan

For more information, contact the BEH at (670) 664-4870/72/73, or email BEH director John Tagabuel at [john.tagabuel@dph.gov.mp](mailto:john.tagabuel@dph.gov.mp). **(Marc A. Venus)**



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## NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

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Notice is hereby given that the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) is the agency authorized to allocate Low Income Housing Tax Credits (Credits) in the CNMI. The United States 1986 Tax Reform Act created the federal low-income housing tax credit program under Section 42 of the Internal Revenue Code (Code) to assist with the development of low-income rental housing by providing qualified owners with credit to offset their federal tax obligations. The Credits are available to owners/developers of qualifying buildings and projects that meet certain low-income occupancy and rent restrictions.

Section 42 of the Code provides that the CNMI prepare a Qualified Allocation Plan (QAP) to determine housing priorities and to give preference to projects serving the lowest income tenants and projects obligated to serve qualified tenants for the longest periods. The QAP must incorporate selection criteria, which includes project location, housing need characteristics, sponsor characteristics, tenant populations with special needs, and public housing waiting lists.

NMHC has developed a QAP for 2019 - 2020 and is available at NMHC's office and website. The QAP describes the basis that NMHC will use to allocate Credits. NMHC may allocate **\$146,328** in Credits for the 2019 program year and approximately **\$3,166,875** in Credits for the 2020 program year.

### Application for Credits

Owners/Developers wishing to apply for the Credits should obtain and complete a LIHTC Application. The LIHTC Application may be obtained from NMHC's Office in Garapan, Saipan, MP 96950 or through our website at [www.nmhc.gov.net](http://www.nmhc.gov.net).

Owners/Developers must file the completed LIHTC Application along with the **\$2,500.00 Application Fee** at NMHC's office by the Application Deadline of **4:30 pm, January 31, 2020**. NMHC staff will review the application and will notify the Owner/Developer of any deficiencies by 15 days time or **February 17, 2020**. The owner/developer will be given 14 days to correct any deficiencies. Any corrections or supplemental information requested by NMHC must be received by **4:30 pm March 2, 2020**. The projects will be scored and recommendations made to the NMHC Board of Directors for approval at its **April/May 2020** Board Meeting.

### Notification of Awards

NMHC will notify Owners/Developers of the projects receiving Credits thirty (30) days following the April/May 2020 Board of Directors Meeting. The reservation letter must be signed and returned to NMHC by no later than thirty (30) days from the date of notification.

For more information on this program, please contact NMHC at 234-6866/7670/9447.

/s/ **JESSE S. PALACIOS**  
Corporate Director

NMHC will make necessary arrangements for persons with disabilities or persons requiring interpreters upon prior notification. Should you require such arrangements, please contact Mr. Jacob Muna at telephone numbers 234-6866/7670/9447.

## COMMONWEALTH CASINO COMMISSION

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## JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

**Opening Date: October 21, 2019**
**Closing Date: November 11, 2019**

POSITION	DIVISION	SALARY RANGE	ANNOUNCEMENT NO.
1. COMPLIANCE AGENT (1)	Compliance	\$32,000 - \$37,000	CCC-2019-A
2. ENFORCEMENT AGENT I (2)	Enforcement & Investigations	\$23,000 - \$28,000	CCC-2019-B
3. ENFORCEMENT AGENT II (1)	Enforcement & Investigations	\$27,000 - \$32,000	CCC-2019-C
4. SENIOR ENFORCEMENT AGENT (2)	Enforcement & Investigations	\$32,000 - \$35,000	CCC-2019-D
5. INVESTIGATIVE ANALYST (1)	Enforcement & Investigations	\$30,000 - \$35,000	CCC-2019-E
6. COMMUNICATIONS SPECIALIST (1)	Executive Office	\$27,000 - \$32,000	CCC-2019-F
7. MAINTENANCE/JANITOR (1)	Executive Office	\$15,800 - \$19,800	CCC-2019-G

- Salary:** Actual salary level will be determined by the applicant's education, experience, and other related qualifications.
- Location:** Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands ("CNMI").
- Benefits:** Basic CNMI government employment fringe benefits.
- Exempted Positions:** These positions are exempted from the CNMI Civil Service pursuant to 4 CMC §2315.

**Requirements:**

- A. Original Copy of completed Commission **Application for Employment**
- B. **Resume** with accompanying educational and professional credentials & documentations
- C. **Police Clearance** (within the last 3 months)
- D. **Duplicate Copy** of your Driver's License or other form of Valid Identification with photo

Education and training claimed under items 22 (A) through (I) of the Application for Employment must be substantiated by an official school transcript, diploma, or certificate. Failure to provide the required documents will result in automatic disqualification.

Application Forms can be picked up at the Commission's Main Office at Springs Plaza on Middle Road, Gualo Rai, Saipan, CNMI or downloaded from the Commission's website at [www.cnmicasinocommission.com](http://www.cnmicasinocommission.com). For more information, please contact the Commission's HR Officer, Ms. Juanette LG. Sablan at 233-1857/58 or at [info@cnmicasinocommission.com](mailto:info@cnmicasinocommission.com).

Interested persons should submit their completed Employment Application Forms along with supporting documents to the Commission's Main Office at Springs Plaza on Middle Road, Gualo Rai, Saipan, CNMI.

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## VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT FOR SEXUAL ASSAULT RESPONSE TEAM (SART) MANAGER (Temporary, 12 months)

NMCADSV is looking for a motivated individual to join its team! We are looking for someone who is rooted in service and believes in the social justice values we uphold.

**Job Summary:** The SART Manager will work with the Executive Director of NMCADSV, NMCADSV staff, and its Board to achieve the mission, goals, and objectives of the organization. The SART Manager will be primarily responsible for CNMI-wide systems advocacy to cultivate the prevention of sexual violence and victim-centered responses for victims of sexual assault. This includes taking a leadership role in facilitating cross-discipline collaboration, providing ongoing training and technical assistance to SART members and allied organizations, and obtaining feedback from all partners to develop policies and protocols that support victim-centered and empowerment-based responses to victims of sexual assault. In addition, the SART Manager will be responsible for convening monthly meetings on Saipan, attending SART related meetings on Tinian and Rota, and mandatory meetings and training events in the U.S.

**Minimum Qualifications:** An understanding of and agreement with NMCADSV's mission statement and philosophy regarding the elimination of domestic and sexual violence; strong communication skills, verbal and written, with diverse groups of people and professionals; strong organizational, collaborative, and project management skills; experience with training or providing education to various audiences; experience with facilitating meetings and bringing stakeholders together for collaborative efforts; ability to facilitate engagement and interest among allied partners with positive and professional communication; experience with assessments and analysis; ability to implement complex projects with extremely tight deadlines; must be able to travel within the CNMI and to the US Mainland immediately upon hire; must have access to reliable transportation; and must be able to work immediately upon offer.

**Classification & Salary Range:** Full Time, Exempt. Some nights and weekends required. Travel is required. \$16.00/hr to \$22.00/hr (based on experience and qualifications).

Copies of the full Position Description can be requested by email at [info@endviolencenmi.org](mailto:info@endviolencenmi.org) or downloaded from the NMCADSV Facebook page. Hard copies are also available at the NMCADSV Office (directions below).

**To Apply:** A **Resume and Cover Letter** should be submitted on or before 5:00 p.m. on **Friday, October 25, 2019**. Provide a list (not copies) of any certifications and/or awards. Late and incomplete submissions will not be considered.

Submit **resume and cover letter** to [info@endviolencenmi.org](mailto:info@endviolencenmi.org), deliver to NMCADSV's office (**between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.**) at the Marina Heights I Building (2nd Floor, Suite 206) or mail to NMCADSV, P.O. Box 506689, Saipan, MP 96950. (Mailed applications must be postmarked on or before the deadline.) Applicants who are invited for an interview will be asked to bring a copy of their Diploma or equivalent, Police Clearance (within last 30 days), valid Passport, and a list of references.

NMCADSV is an equal opportunity employer. Individuals from under-served communities are encouraged to apply.

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Business

TRADITIONAL THAI MASSAGE:  
A soothing oasis in Chalan Kanoa

By MARK RABAGO  
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ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Traditional Thai Massage may have moved to a new home in Chalan Kanoa, but its service remains a soothing oasis to tired bodies, thanks to the expertise of its masseuses from Thailand. “We have Thai masseuses that have been in this field for more than 15 years. Their experience, expertise, and...their customer service training makes it different from the other massage establishments on island,” said manager Jean Pascua. In fact, she said, some customers come from distant villages just to enjoy the massages they provide, proof that its loyal customers have a high regard for its services and know they will not be short-changed. “We have customers...from Kagman, Navy Hill, Capit[a]l Hill, and Garapan who visit our shop just to get their mas-

sage. This proves our service is better compared to other establishments. We also have customers coming from Guam and the U.S. mainland that were referred to by our...own customers,” said Pascua. Traditional Thai Massage first opened at Pacific Islands Club Saipan more than 10 years ago. It then moved to the Sablan Business Plaza in Chalan Piao before relocating to its current address at the ground floor of the Shakir Building in Chalan Kanoa in September 2018. Pascua said they moved to Chalan Piao after a decrease in tourists from Japan and Russia, which were the lifeblood of the massage parlor. “They are the No. 1 market in this kind of business, especially when we were located inside Pacific Island Club hotel.” Aside from the waning of the two tourism markets, the renewal of staff under CNMI-

Only Transitional Worker program and government austerity measures have also been a challenge to Traditional Thai Massage. While they have stopped their customer loyalty program, where 10 visits get you a free message, Pascua said that Traditional Thai Massage has future rewards plans in the pipeline. “We are looking into tying up with other businesses where a customer who avails of our services can get discounts or free gifts. We also have gift certificates that customers can buy as a gift for their loved ones and friends,” she said. Traditional Thai Massage is open from 2pm to 9pm every day, but is available for appointments depending on the availability of their masseuses. For more information or to make appointments, call Traditional Thai Massage at 235-2445 or 989-1361.



MARK RABAGO  
Traditional Thai Massage is located at the Shakir Building in Chalan Kanoa and is open from 2pm to 9pm, every day.

Biden: Trump has ‘no idea’ about working-class struggles

SCRANTON, Pa. (AP)—Joe Biden cast President Donald Trump on Wednesday as a fraudulent populist whose tax policies, economic stewardship and erratic leadership have hurt U.S. workers and betrayed voters in the critical battleground state of Pennsylvania. After scrapping with fellow Democrats for weeks, Biden returned to his hometown of Scranton to focus on his ultimate foe: Trump. The former vice president sought to dent Trump’s argument that regardless of what working people may think about him personally, the actions of his administration have helped them. “This administration has no idea what hard-working, decent, ordinary Americans are going through,” Biden said of middle-class struggle in a growing but uneven economy. “Go back to your old neighborhoods and ask them how they’re doing,” Biden said, lamenting that the rising cost of health care, college and housing deny the “breathing room” that should define middle-class security. “Too many middle-class and working-class folks can’t look their kids in the eye any longer and

say it’s going to be OK and mean it.” Trump appeared later in the day in Pittsburgh, at the opposite end of the state, but made no mention of Biden. The speech, which was billed as an economic policy address, is the type of forum where Biden often has his strongest moments in a campaign that has contended with verbal missteps and inconsistent debate performances. But it’s becoming increasingly difficult for Biden or any other Democratic White House hopefuls to compete with the daily cacophony of Washington as Trump rails against the House impeachment inquiry. Biden was reminded of that on the eve of his speech. On the same day that a top U.S. diplomat offered damning testimony against the president, Trump scrambled the conversation by saying Democrats are effectively “lynching” him. When Biden’s campaign joined the resulting chorus of critics, the president’s re-election campaign revived a 1998 video of then-Sen. Biden using the same “lynching” metaphor when

discussing impeachment proceedings against President Bill Clinton. Biden tweeted an apology for his choice of words Tuesday night, but made no mention of the matter Wednesday in Scranton. Instead, he highlighted his plans on a host of issues, including repealing Republican tax cuts, taking action on climate change, strengthening gun regulations, spending more on education and expanding government health insurance. The visit is an early effort to block a Trump victory in Pennsylvania next year and narrow his path to re-election. The president won the state by about 44,000 votes in 2016, taking a state that had sided with Democrats in presidential races since 1988. Reclaiming Pennsylvania, along with Michigan and Wisconsin, would put the eventual Democratic nominee on track to winning the White House. Biden recalled stories from his childhood in Scranton, including his father’s “long walk” up the stairs of their home to tell 10-year-old “Joey” that the family had to move to Delaware because the elder Biden had lost his job.

FDA wants stronger warning on breast implants about risks

WASHINGTON (AP)—U.S. health officials want women getting breast implants to receive stronger warnings and more details about the possible risks and complications. The Food and Drug Administration said Wednesday that manufacturers should add a warning highlighted by a box—the most serious type—to the information given to women considering implants. The agency is also recommending patients complete a checklist to make sure they understand all the possible side effects of the implants, such as scarring, pain, rupture and even a rare form of cancer. “We have heard from many women that they are not fully informed of the risks when considering breast implants,” the agency said in a statement detailing the recommendations. The agency also wants companies to explain that breast implants often require repeat surgeries and they should not be considered lifelong devices. About 1 in 5 women who get implants for cosmetic reasons need to have them removed within

eight to 10 years, according to the FDA. The agency will take public comment on the proposed guidelines before adopting them. The new proposal is the FDA’s latest attempt to manage safety issues with the devices primarily used for breast augmentation, the most frequently performed cosmetic surgical procedure in the U.S. Roughly 400,000 patients get implants each year, 100,000 of them after cancer surgery. As outlined Wednesday, manufacturers would not be required to adopt the boxed warning and checklist, noted Madris Tomes, a former FDA staffer. “The FDA needs to enforce the use of this and not just hope it’s used,” said Tomes, who now runs a company that analyzes device injuries and malfunctions. “Women deserve to know what is being implanted and need to know not to take these risks lightly.” In recent years, the FDA and regulators elsewhere have grappled with a link between a rare cancer and a type of textured implant. In July, the FDA called on manu-

facturer Allergan to pull its Biocell implant after it was tied to heightened risk of a form of lymphoma. The company issued a worldwide recall for the implants, which had already been restricted or removed from numerous countries. In a separate issue, the FDA has received thousands of reports from women who blame their implants for a host of health problems including rheumatoid arthritis, chronic fatigue and muscle pain. Earlier this year, the FDA held a meeting at which dozens of women urged the agency to place new warnings and restrictions on implants. The FDA has stood by its long-standing position that the implants are essentially safe so long as women understand they can have complications. But following the meeting, the agency said women should get more explicit, understandable information about implant risks. The devices have a silicone outer shell and are filled with either saline or silicone. The FDA’s draft guidelines recommend manufacturers clearly disclose and list their ingredients for patients.

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# Nation

## Tragedies deepen Jewish-Muslim bonds to fight hate crimes

**YORK** (AP)—Muslim groups helped raise hundreds of thousands of dollars to help Pittsburgh's Tree of Life synagogue recover after a gunman killed 11 people there, one year ago this week. The Jewish congregation mounted its own fundraiser for New Zealand's Muslims after a white supremacist shooter killed 51 people at two mosques there in March.

Such outreach between Jews and Muslims often draws widespread attention only in the immediate wake of tragedy. But as both faiths grapple with a rise in re-

ported hate crimes and fears within their communities of being attacked for their beliefs, Jews and Muslims are forging bonds that rely on shared personal values to help combat anti-Semitism and Islamophobia.

For Sheryl Olitzky, 63, the "aha moment" that inspired her focus on Jewish-Muslim connections came almost a decade ago on a trip to Poland, when she asked a guide why she saw no locals in the head-covering garb of devout members of either faith.

Olitzky, who was married at Tree of Life synagogue,

recalled being stunned by the exclusionary response she heard and telling herself that "I could not change history, but I could rewrite it by changing the future" and working to prevent further episodes of discrimination against Jews and Muslims.

When the grandmother of seven returned home to New Jersey, however, it took several months for her to realize that, despite living in an area with "a fairly substantial number of Muslims and Jews," she had no Muslim friends.

"I said, 'I believe ignorance

is a primary driver of hate, and it's time, if I want to make change that I get to know Muslim women,'" Olitzky said.

When Olitzky was introduced to Atiya Aftab, a Muslim attorney and adjunct professor at Rutgers University, their partnership took off as the nonprofit Sisterhood of Salaam Shalom. What began as a meeting of six Muslim and six Jewish women at Aftab's home now counts more than 170 chapters in 32 states and Canada, according to Olitzky.

The Sisterhood devotes much of its attention to edu-

cation and shared experiences that can deepen ties between its members, with its fourth annual trip this year taking dozens of Muslim and Jewish women and teenage girls to Germany and Poland. But a vow to fight hate crimes that target their respective communities is also woven into the group's foundation, with a "rise and respond" primer for speaking out against anti-Semitism and Islamophobia

released this year.

Other members of the two faiths have created formal alliances as well. The Muslim-Jewish Advisory Council was established by the American Jewish Committee and the Islamic Society of North America in the first days after President Donald Trump's 2016 election—following a campaign where Trump repeatedly stoked public fears of Muslims.

## Mom's murder case raises questions about what doctors knew

**DENVER** (AP)—Olivia Gant's mother brought her to the emergency room when she was 2, saying the girl was having trouble eating.

Kelly Turner, who had recently moved to Colorado from Texas with her three daughters, told the doctor she had problems nursing and other complications feeding Olivia since she was born.

Over several years, Turner would often tell doctors her daughter was sick. Olivia had surgeries, took medication for a condition she didn't have and later died, a tragic end to what psychiatrists say was her mother's apparent masterful scheme to dupe medical professionals.

Now, Turner has been charged with murder, raising questions about whether the

hospital did enough to protect Olivia and underscoring how much doctors rely on parents' word as they care for children.

At the first ER visit, a doctor thought the girl appeared to be growing normally. But the next year, a surgeon at the same hospital removed part of her small intestine and inserted a feeding tube.

By 2017, Turner was presenting her daughter as a dying girl with a host of diseases and a bucket list of wishes, seeking donations to help fulfill her dreams of catching a bad guy with police and being a firefighter. The Make-A-Wish-Foundation threw a "bat princess" costume party at a hotel that cost \$11,000.

That year, doctors at Children's Hospital Colorado found that the 7-year-old was

only getting 30 percent of the nutrition she needed.

They couldn't persuade Turner, described by one doctor as a "high maintenance mother," to try anything besides artificial feeding. She insisted her daughter enter hospice care, where Olivia died in 2017.

Olivia's cause of death originally was listed as intestinal failure, but an autopsy done later found no evidence of that condition. Authorities have not said what killed her, but the indictment revealed this week says that doctors went along with Turner's push to stop feeding her daughter.

Along the way, Turner's behavior raised suspicions. She continued to give Olivia seizure medication with serious side effects after doctors found

she had no seizure condition and insisted she stop.

Only after Olivia died and Turner brought an older daughter to the same hospital with bone pain did doctors take a closer look.

They found news stories and online posts where Turner talked about diseases Olivia had that were not backed up by medical records. Turner claimed on a blog and a GoFundMe site that her daughter had a seizure disorder, a tumor and a buildup of fluid in the cavities deep within her brain.

Doctors contacted social workers, who launched an investigation that led to exhuming Olivia's body. Her older sister was separated from her mother and has not had any pain since, according to the indictment.

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## AGENDA

Pursuant to the Open Government Act, Governor Ralph DLG. Torres and Lt. Governor Arnold I. Palacios, through the Commonwealth Casino Commission ("Commission"), hereby give notice that the Commission has scheduled a regular meeting on Wednesday, October 30, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. at the Conference Room located on the 2nd Floor of the Commission's main office at the Springs Plaza in Gualo Rai, Saipan.

The following Agenda will be discussed:

- I. PRELIMINARIES:**
  - A. Call to Order
  - B. Roll Call
  - C. Adoption of Agenda
  - D. Adoption of Minutes: September 26, 2019
- II. REPORTS:**
  - A. Report by the Chairman
  - B. Report by the Executive Director
- III. PUBLIC COMMENTS**
- IV. MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS:**
  - A. Casino Licensee -- Imperial Pacific International (CNMI), LLC ("IPI")--Updates:
    1. Imperial Pacific Resort & Hotel ("IPR"):
      - Update on IPR's Construction
      - Update on the partial opening of the Villas
    2. IPI Personnel -- Resident Employment Objectives & CLA Annual Plan
    3. Responsible Gaming Program
    4. Compliance Committee
    5. IPI Financial Matters
    6. Other IPI Updates
  - B. Other Miscellaneous Matters.
- V. OLD BUSINESS:**
  - A. Update on House Bill 21-11, HS1
  - B. Other Old Business Matters
- VI. NEW BUSINESS:**
  - A. Approval of Casino Key Employee License (2-years):
    - 1) **Mr. Phillip James Tydingco**, General Counsel, Imperial Pacific International (CNMI), LLC ("IPI"). Current Provisional CKE License expires on 11/09/19.
  - B. Approval of Application for regular Casino Service Provider License (2-years):
    - 1) **Aristocrat Technologies Macau, Limited (Aristocrat)**. Manufacturer and distributor of Electronic Gaming Machines. Provisional License expires on 08/19/20.
  - C. Renewal of Regular Casino Vendor License -- Non-Gaming Vendor (3-years):
    - 1) **DFS Limited (dba: T Galleria)**. General merchandise and retailer of Duty-Free products. Initial 3-year Casino Vendor License will expire on 11/21/19.
  - D. 2019 Citizen - Centric Report  
The CCC 2019 Annual Report per Public Law 20-83.

- VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION:**
  - A. Report by the Legal Counsel

### VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The Commission reserves the right to amend this agenda and take action on the amended agenda pursuant to 1 CMC §9910 (b). Pursuant to 1 CMC §9912 (a)(7) and 1 CMC §9912 (c), the Commission may vote to meet in Executive Session. In addition, the Commission may extend its official meeting for another day or more, if necessary.

/s/ Juan M. Sablan  
Chairman

**Board of Trustees**  
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Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9910, the Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation hereby gives notice that a meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on Wednesday, October 30, 2019 at 5:30 pm, in CHCC Conference Room 3.

### AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
- II. Determination of Quorum
- III. Approval of Agenda
- IV. Adoption of Minutes
  - A. August 7, 2019
  - B. August 15, 2019
  - C. September 26, 2019
- V. Public Comments
- VI. Chargemaster - Fees Update
- VII. Credential Privileges  
New Applicants:
  - 1) Dr. Neil Zhang
  - 2) Dr. Kyla SherwoodRenewal Applicants:
  - 3) Roca Sablan, NP/NM
  - 4) Douglas Metz, PA
  - 5) Shawna Brennfleck, NP
  - 6) Dr. Glenda George
  - 7) Dr. John Doyle
- VIII. Reports:
  - A. Management & Operations
  - B. Financial Statement
  - C. CMS & ECRI Dashboard Update
  - D. QAPI Report -- ESRD & Hospital
- IX. New Business:
  - A. Election of Officers
- X. Executive Session: The Board may vote to meet in Executive Session to consult with legal counsel.
- XI. Announcement
- XII. Adjournment

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### REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL PROJECT NO. CPA-RFP-001-20 REAL ESTATE APPRAISAL SERVICES

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (Authority) is soliciting sealed proposals for service providers to provide appraisal services on the Saipan International Airport and Port of Saipan properties. The service provider shall perform the appraisal services pursuant to the Scope of Work in the RFP package. The purpose of this appraisal is to establish the properties true replacement cost value to satisfy underwriting concerns in establishing appropriate levels of property insurance coverage and market rent of its commercial spaces at the Saipan Airport and Port of Saipan.

Request for Proposal (RFP) package may be obtained at the Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, 2nd Floor, Arrival Building, Saipan International Airport beginning October 18, 2019, from Monday through Friday, excluding holidays, between 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

A pre-proposal meeting will be held on November 8, 2019, 10:00 A.M., at the Authority's Conference Room, 2nd Floor Departure Building, Saipan International Airport.

Deadline for submission of all questions and clarifications (RFI) is November 18, 2019. All questions should be submitted via email to [chris.tenorio@cpa.gov.mp](mailto:chris.tenorio@cpa.gov.mp) with copy to [atudela@cpa.gov.mp](mailto:atudela@cpa.gov.mp) and [joydglg@cpa.gov.mp](mailto:joydglg@cpa.gov.mp).

Deadline for submission of all proposals is Friday, November 29, 2019, before 2:00 p.m. Chamorro Standard Time (Saipan Time). All proposals must be addressed to Christopher S. Tenorio, Executive Director and submitted to his office, mentioned above.

CPA shall have the right to reject, in whole or in part, proposals or offers which have been submitted in response to the RFP, and/or cancel the RFP if it is determined to be in the interest of CPA and/or for whatever reasons allowed by law and/or regulations. This right to reject and/or cancel is also pursuant to CPA Procurement Regulations.

Proposer's direct or indirect contact with any CPA board members, management, staff, or any persons participating in the election process is prohibited.

CHRISTOPHER S. TENORIO  
Executive Director

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



# Asia



In this July 1, 2019, file photo, a protester covers the Hong Kong emblem with a Hong Kong colonial flag after they broke into the Legislative Council building in Hong Kong. AP

## ASIA BRIEFS

### Spokesman: Duterte suffering from muscle spasms but can work

**MANILA, Philippines (AP)**—A medical checkup showed Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte is suffering from painful muscle spasms that prompted him to cut short a trip to Japan, his spokesman said Thursday. Duterte was feeling better but was advised by his doctor to rest and take painkillers to relieve him of the discomfort from lower back muscle spasms, which may have been caused or aggravated by an accidental motorcycle fall last week and another similar accident years ago, spokesman Salvador Panelo said. The doctor ruled out the need for any surgical procedure, Panelo said. Panelo said the president would still meet Chinese Vice Premier Hu Chunhua on Thursday to discuss Chinese financing of infrastructure projects in the Philippines.

### Sri Lanka spy chief blamed for failures before Easter attack

**COLOMBO, Sri Lanka (AP)**—A Sri Lankan parliamentary committee that investigated last April's Easter suicide bombings has concluded that the country's spy chief was primarily responsible for the intelligence failure that led to the deaths of 269 people in the attacks. In a report released Wednesday, the committee said State Intelligence Service chief Nilantha Jayawardena received information on possible attacks as early as April 4—17 days before the suicide bombings took place—but there were delays on his part in sharing the intelligence with other agencies. The report said Jayawardena's responsibility was compounded by the fact that he had asked higher-level officials nearly a year earlier to bring investigations into the ringleader of the April 21 attacks, Mohamed Zahran, under his sole purview.

### South Korean prosecutors arrest ex-minister's wife

**SEOUL, South Korea (AP)**—Prosecutors on Thursday arrested the wife of South Korea's former justice minister who resigned last week over corruption allegations surrounding his family that have sparked huge protests and rattled Seoul's liberal government. The Seoul Central District Court said a judge issued an arrest warrant for Chung Kyung-shim over concerns that she might attempt to destroy evidence as prosecutors investigate her suspected involvement in dubious financial investments and creating fake credentials to help her daughter get into medical school. Chung, a university professor, and her husband Cho Kuk have denied legal wrongdoing, although Cho has apologized over alleged perks his daughter received. Cho's resignation came after huge crowds of his supporters and critics marched in South Korea's capital for weeks, demonstrating how the monthslong saga has deepened the country's political divide.

## HK govt withdraws bill that sparked protests

**HONG KONG (AP)**—Hong Kong authorities on Wednesday withdrew an unpopular extradition bill that sparked months of chaotic protests that have since morphed into a campaign for greater democratic change.

Full Coverage: Hong Kong

Secretary for Security John Lee told the semi-autonomous Chinese territory's legislature that the government suspended the bill because it had resulted in "conflicts in society."

In order to clearly spell out the government's position, "I formally announce the withdrawal of the bill," Lee told lawmakers. Pro-democracy lawmakers immediately tried to question him, but he refused to respond.

There are no signs that the withdrawal of the bill will dampen the protests, now in their fifth month. The rallies have snowballed into the city's biggest political crisis in decades, expanding to demands for universal suffrage and an investiga-

tion into allegations of police abuses, most recently including the spraying of a mosque and bystanders with high-pressure blue-dyed water from an urban assault vehicle.

The long-expected scrapping of the bill was overshadowed by the drama surrounding the release from a Hong Kong prison of the murder suspect at the heart of the extradition case controversy.

Chan Tong-kai, who completed a separate sentence for money laundering, told reporters after his release Wednesday that he wished to turn himself in to authorities in Taiwan, where he's wanted for killing his pregnant girlfriend, Poon Hiu-wing.

Taiwan announced Tuesday that it was willing to send a delegation to bring Chan back to the self-ruled island for trial, but Hong Kong rejected the offer, saying the suspect should be allowed to fly unaccompanied to turn himself in.

The controversy is rooted in the unwillingness of Hong Kong to recognize the legitimacy of the legal bodies in Taiwan, which communist leaders in Beijing consider a break-away province.

China has refused all contact with the administration of Taiwan's directly elected President Tsai Ing-wen over her refusal to endorse Beijing's stance that the island is Chinese territory awaiting annexation. That appears to have compelled Hong Kong to reject cooperation with Taiwan over Taipei's insistence on a "mutual legal assistance" deal with Hong Kong that would require their institutions to deal with each other on an equal basis.

Tsai herself weighed in Wednesday on the Chan case, emphasizing that, although both the alleged perpetrator and the victim are from Hong Kong, Taiwan was willing to put Chan on trial if Hong Kong doesn't.

However, she said there was no possibility of Chan simply catching a flight to Taipei and insisted Taiwan would not sacrifice its sovereignty in handling the matter.

"I would like to explain that in this case, the murderer is a wanted subject in Taiwan. He is already a wanted criminal suspect in Taiwan with a warrant out for his arrest," Tsai said during a visit to the Taiwanese-held island of Kinmen, just off the Chinese coast.

"Therefore, regarding this case, there is no issue of free travel or just being a backpacker. There is only the matter of arrest and no question of simply turning oneself in," Tsai said.

Taiwan's Mainland Affairs Council said that allowing a murder suspect to fly on his own would ignore passenger safety, and that Hong Kong's approach would indulge Chan and make Hong Kong "a criminal paradise where murderers can walk around."

## North Korea urges US to act wisely through year-end deadline

**SEOUL, South Korea (AP)**—North Korea on Thursday accused U.S. officials of maintaining hostility against Pyongyang despite a "special" relationship between leader Kim Jong Un and President Donald Trump and urged Washington to act "wisely" through the end of the year.

The statement issued by Foreign Ministry adviser Kim Kye Gwan was clearly referring to an end-of-year deadline set by Kim Jong Un for the Trump administration to offer mutually acceptable terms for a deal to salvage their diplomacy.

"Contrary to the political judgment

and intention of President Trump, Washington political circles and DPRK policy makers of the U.S. administration are hostile to the DPRK for no reason, preoccupied with the Cold War mentality and ideological prejudice," Kim Kye Gwan said in the statement, referring to North Korea by its formal name, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea. "We want to see how wisely the U.S. will pass the end of the year."

Nuclear negotiations between Washington and Pyongyang have faltered after the collapse of a February summit between Kim

Jong Un and Trump where the U.S. side rejected North Korean demands for broad sanctions relief in exchange for a piecemeal deal toward partially surrendering its nuclear capabilities.

The North made a series of short-range missile tests while Kim Jong Un said he would "wait with patience until the end of the year for the United States to come up with a courageous decision."

Washington and Pyongyang resumed working-level discussion in Sweden earlier this month, but the meeting broke down amid acrimony

with the North Koreans calling the talks "sickening" and accusing the Americans of maintaining an "old stance and attitude."

The North has since threatened to resume nuclear and long-range missile tests it suspended last year while pursuing diplomacy with the United States, while Kim Jong Un vowed to overcome U.S.-led international sanctions he said has both pained and infuriated his people.

Kim Kye Gwan said Kim Jong Un considers his relationship with Trump as "special" and that trust between the leaders was still intact.



# World

## Grim find: 39 dead in one of UK's worst trafficking cases

**GRAYS, England (AP)**—Authorities found 39 people dead in a truck in an industrial park in England on Wednesday and arrested the driver on suspicion of murder in one of Britain's worst human-smuggling tragedies.

Police were reconstructing the final journey of the victims as they tried to piece together where they were from and how they came to be in England.

"To put 39 people into a locked metal container shows a contempt for human life that is evil," said Jackie Doyle-Price, a member of Parliament who represents the area where the truck was found. "The best thing we can do in memory of those victims is to find the perpetrators and bring them to justice."

The truck and the trailer with the people inside apparently took separate circuitous journeys before ending up on

the grounds of the Waterglade Industrial Park in Grays, 25 miles (40 kilometers) east of London on the River Thames.

British police said they believe the container went from the port of Zeebrugge in Belgium to Purfleet, England, where it arrived early Wednesday. Police believe the tractor traveled from Northern Ireland to Dublin, where it took a ferry to Holyhead in Wales before picking up the trailer at the dockside in England.

The truck's driver—a 25-year-old man from Northern Ireland—was arrested on suspicion of murder. He has not been charged and his name has not been released.

The truck was registered in Bulgaria to a company owned by an Irish citizen, Bulgaria's Foreign Ministry said. It's point of origin was unclear. The Belgian federal prosecu-



AP  
Police attend the scene after a truck was found to contain 39 dead bodies inside the truck in Thurrock, South England, early Wednesday Oct. 23, 2019.

tor's office said it has opened an investigation.

"We have no idea at the moment how long the lorry (truck) spent in Belgium," said spokesman Eric Van Duyse. "It could be hours or days. We just don't know."

As darkness approached Wednesday, a police motorcycle escort slowly led the Scania semitrailer out of the industrial park, taking it to a place where the bodies could be recovered.

The driver of the trailer wore a full forensic suit and gloves as he guided the massive vehicle in the impromptu cortege past journalists.

Britain remains an attractive destination for immigrants, even as the U.K. is negotiating its divorce from the European Union. In Parliament, Prime Minister Boris Johnson put aside the Brexit crisis and vowed that human traffickers would be prosecuted to the full

### 39 dead in truck

The bodies of 38 adults and a teenager were found early Wednesday in a truck in Grays, east of London.



- 1** The truck is believed to have originated from Bulgaria
- 2** Essex Police said the trailer arrived via ferry from Zeebrugge, Belgium
- 3** 39 people found dead in truck trailer east of London

Source: AP  
Graphic: Staff

extent of the law.

"All such traders in human beings should be hunted down and brought to justice," he said.

Ambulance workers discovered the bodies after being called at 1:40 a.m. It was unclear who called the ambulance service.

No cause of death has

been made public. Police said one victim appeared to be a teenager but gave no further details.

The number of victims was shocking, although it has become sadly common in recent years for small numbers of migrants to occasionally be found dead in sealed vehicles after having been abandoned by traffickers.

The tragedy recalls the death of 58 migrants in 2000 in a truck in Dover, England, and the deaths in 2015 of 71 migrants from Syria, Iraq and Afghanistan who were found suffocated in the back of a refrigerated truck that was abandoned on an Austrian highway close to the Hungarian border.

Groups of migrants have repeatedly landed on English shores using small boats for the risky Channel crossing, and migrants are sometimes found in the trunks of cars that disembark from the massive ferries that link France and England, but Wednesday's macabre find in an industrial park was a reminder that trafficking gangs are still profiting from the human trade. Police also were investigating a separate incident in which nine people were found traveling in the back of a truck in southeast England.

The National Crime Agency said its specialists were working to "urgently identify and take action against any organized crime groups who have played a role in causing these deaths." It said in May that the number of people being smuggled into Britain via cargo trucks was on the rise.

## Johnson's future, and UK's, rests on EU move on Brexit delay

**LONDON (AP)**—Prime Minister Boris Johnson has long argued that Brexit will let Britain "take back control" from the European Union.

On Wednesday, Johnson's future, and his country's, rested on a decision from Brussels about whether the bloc will delay the U.K.'s scheduled departure to prevent a chaotic no-deal exit in just eight days.

"I don't think the people of this country want a delay. I don't want a delay," Johnson said.

But a postponement appeared inevitable after British lawmakers blocked the prime minister's attempt on Tuesday to fast-track his Brexit bill through Parliament so that the U.K. can leave the bloc as scheduled on Oct. 31.

The decision means the U.K. is almost certain to miss that deadline and leaves Johnson with two options: try again to pass the stalled deal, or seek an early election that could break Britain's Brexit impasse.

Both courses depend on the EU's response to the U.K.'s request for a three-month delay. The request was ordered by Parliament to avert the economic damage that could come from a no-deal exit and made, grudgingly, by Johnson on Saturday.

"Alas, we cannot now know what the EU will do in response to the request from Parliament—I stress it wasn't my request—to ask for a delay," Johnson told

British lawmakers Wednesday. "I will be studying their reaction very closely to see how we proceed."

European Council President Donald Tusk said in a tweet that because of Tuesday's votes in London he would recommend that the other 27 EU nations grant Britain a delay. European Parliament President David Sassoli echoed that sentiment, saying that European leaders should accept the Brexit extension because that will "allow the United Kingdom to clarify its position and the European Parliament to exercise its role."

The bloc's chief Brexit official, Guy Verhofstadt, agreed, saying a three-month flexible extension was needed to give European Parliament members time to check the details of the withdrawal agreement.

Johnson won a major parliamentary victory on Tuesday when lawmakers backed his Brexit plan in principle, voting 329-299 to pass a bill to implement the divorce agreement that Johnson struck with the EU last week. But minutes later, legislators rejected his fast-track timetable by a vote of 322-308, saying they needed more time to scrutinize the bill.

Without speedy passage of the bill, Britain won't be able to make an orderly exit from the bloc on Oct. 31, a central vow of Johnson's 3-month-old Conservative administration.

## Syria's Assad gets a prize with US withdrawal, Russia deal

**BEIRUT (AP)**—Once again, Syrian President Bashar Assad has snapped up a prize from world powers that have been maneuvering in his country's multi-front wars. Without firing a shot, his forces are returning to towns and villages in northeastern Syria where they haven't set foot for years.

Assad was handed one victory first by U.S. President Donald Trump's decision to withdraw American troops from northeastern Syria, analysts said. Then he got another from a deal struck between Turkey and Russia, Damascus' ally.

Abandoned by U.S. forces and staring down the barrel of a Turkish invasion, Kurdish fighters had no option but to turn to Assad's government and to Russia for protection from their No. 1 enemy.

For once, the interests of

Damascus, Moscow and Ankara came into alignment. Turkey decided it was better having Assad's forces along the border, being helped by Russia, than to have the frontier populated by Kurdish-led fighters, whom it considers to be terrorists.

On Tuesday, Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan struck a deal with Russian President Vladimir Putin that allows Syrian troops to move back into a large part of the territory and ensure Kurdish fighters stay out.

The Kurds once hoped an alliance with Washington would strengthen their ambitions for autonomy, but now they are left hoping they can extract concessions from Moscow and Damascus to keep at least some aspects of their self-rule.

Turkey, which had backed rebels trying to oust Assad,

has now implicitly given the Syrian leader "de facto recognition," said Lina Khatib, head of the Middle East and North Africa program at Chatham House.

"Assad and Russia see this recognition as the beginning of international community normalization with the Assad regime, and as such an indication of their victory in the war," she said.

It's a method that Assad has used successfully before, positioning himself as the lesser of two evils in the eyes of those who might want him gone. Throughout Syria's civil war, he has presented the conflict as a choice between him and jihadists. Fear of the extremists watered down enthusiasm in Washington and other Western governments for fully backing the rebels.

"Assad has been benefiting

from two narratives: shaping the Syrian uprising as a regional war and reminding that there is no viable alternative to his rule," said Joe Macaron, a resident fellow at the Arab Center in Washington D.C.

Trump's "America First" policy, with its sometimes chaotic and impulsive shifts, has been a godsend for Assad.

Last year, Trump called Assad an "animal" following a suspected chemical weapons attack near Damascus, carrying out limited airstrikes as punishment.

But the U.S. president has repeatedly said he's not interested in removing Assad from power or keeping American troops involved in "endless wars" in the region's "blood-soaked sands." He has welcomed having Russia and Assad's government fill the void.



# Off the Wall

## TV reporter climbs on classic cars, is handed walking papers

**SACRAMENTO, Calif.** (AP)—Maybe the “Good Day Sacramento” reporter just thought he’d drive a little more traffic to his television station’s website when he climbed on top of a classic 1950s Thunderbird convertible and struck a silly pose, putting his feet on its pristine yellow paint job.

Instead, Angel Cardenas drew criticism of car-wreck proportions with his live broadcast for KMAX-TV from Sunday’s Sacramento International Auto Show. In the end it earned him his walking papers.

Cardenas began his live broadcast from the car show by saying he felt like a kid in a candy store with no one around to enforce any rules.

It was hours before the show was to open, he added, and no one was there to keep him off the cars, many of which he reported were off-limits.

“So I’m just going to live on

the wild side,” he said before climbing onto the trunk of a yellow T-bird convertible.

Next up, he yanked open the door of a pink 1957 T-Bird, accidentally dinging its door against a green T-Bird parked next to it.

“Oh no, I hit that other car,” he said.

Then, looking around furtively, he quickly added, “I don’t think anyone saw it.”

He ended the segment with a grand finale of sorts, ignoring a “keep off” sign placed in front of a new Ford hybrid SUV and leaping onto its hood. The result was a loud crashing sound and the voice of someone off camera yelling, “Get off.”

“Oh boy, I’m going to get in trouble,” Cardenas says.

The car show’s producer, Stacey Castle Bascom, told the Sacramento Bee that KMAX officials told her Monday Cardenas had been fired.

KMAX and Cardenas did not

immediately respond to emails from The Associated Press on Tuesday, and Cardenas was not pictured as among the “Good Day Sacramento” staff on the station’s website.

Cardenas says on his personal website he’s worked in all forms of broadcast news, including as reporter, anchor and camera operator in a career of more than a dozen years at several TV and radio stations.

Bascom said none of the cars were damaged but that the show’s producers were outraged nonetheless.

Indeed, Cardenas, who seemed to admire the cars, had violated a key tenet of the classic car community: You don’t touch another person’s ride without their permission, let alone jump all over it.

“These are antiques, and in many ways, objects d’art,” one Facebook poster explained. “One doesn’t do this in a museum.”

### OFFBEAT BRIEFS

#### That bites! Snake tries to eat dead snake as wasp attacks

**GAINESVILLE, Fla.** (AP)—Sometimes the circle of life stings. A coral snake found that out the hard way and a Florida woman caught it all on camera. Evangeline Cummings posted a video on Twitter of what appears to be a wasp stinging a coral snake that was dangling from a branch attempting to eat a dead snake. News outlets report Cummings was in her Gainesville backyard when she noticed the coral snake attempting to eat its meal. In the video, a wasp appears and starts circling the snake. When the wasp lands on the snake, it starts thrashing and swinging attempting to get rid of the wasp. Cummings tweeted the video and said she needed “support to process” what was happening. The coral snake seems like it needs some support too.

#### Georgia town bets on giant bushy chicken to attract tourists

**FITZGERALD, Ga.** (AP)—Why did the tourists cross the road? One south Georgia town hopes it will be to see a giant bushy chicken statue. Fitzgerald Mayor Jim Puckett tells local news outlets that the town is building the world’s largest chicken topiary, a 62-foot (19-meter) steel-framed chicken with plants growing on it. Wild Burmese chickens have long roamed Fitzgerald. Puckett aims to leverage that reputation to draw tourists. He says: “They want to see chickens, so we’re going to show them a chicken.” The city is spending \$150,000 on the topiary, designed to top the 56-foot (17-meter) tall steel “Big Chicken” at a Kentucky Fried Chicken in Marietta. Puckett says the Fitzgerald topiary could even include an apartment for overnight rentals and an observation deck. It should be ready by year’s end.

#### Hazmat team responds when uranium delivered to halfway house

**UPPER DARBY, Pa.** (AP)—A hazmat team responded a halfway house in Pennsylvania this week after a resident received an order of uranium through the mail. Authorities say no charges will be filed because the shipment was legal and poses no health threat. Upper Darby police say the Harwood House resident ordered two grams of powdered uranium for \$12 from a Michigan company. It was in powder form and sealed inside a glass vial within a cardboard box when it was delivered Monday afternoon. The halfway house screens all incoming packages and found the powder. They notified authorities, who determined the substance was Uranium 238—a material that can be shipped through the mail. It’s not clear why the resident ordered the uranium. Authorities say the substance posed no health threat.

#### San Diego woman living in van gives up all 300 of her rats

**SAN DIEGO** (AP)—A woman living in a van in San Diego with her pet rats has agreed to give them up—all 300 of them. The San Diego Union-Tribune says the San Diego Humane Society went to the woman’s van near Del Mar on Oct. 8. Authorities found rats had clawed into upholstery, burrowed into the seats and gnawed the engine wiring. Capt. Danee Cook says the woman wasn’t hoarding the animals—she’d started with just two pet rats. But rats can give birth every four weeks and produce a dozen in a

litter. Cook says the woman acknowledged things had gotten out of control. Authorities collected about 320 rats, and more than 100 are currently ready for adoption. The woman, meanwhile, has found a new place to stay.

#### Iowa man finds 5 inches of animal blood flooding basement

**BAGLEY, Iowa** (AP)—Blood may be thicker than water, but it’ll still flood your basement. Nick Lestina found this out the hard way two weeks ago when he discovered 5 inches (13 centimeters) of blood, fat and other animal tissue flooding his family’s basement in Bagley, which is about 45 miles (72 kilometers) northwest of Des Moines. He told the Des Moines Register that he hasn’t been able to clean it up because it’s still seeping in. The waste is coming from a neighboring meat locker, where blood and tissue from slaughtered animals was washed down a drain. Officials say a clog or break in the pipe sent the waste into Lestina’s basement through a floor drain. A state environmental specialist traced the waste to Dahl’s Custom Meat Locker and says the company is now pumping its into a large tank. The Lestina family has temporarily moved in with a relative.

#### Man charged after roommate attack, believed he was a vampire

**BREMERTON, Wash.** (AP)—A Washington state man was charged with a felony assault after police say he attacked his roommate believing he acknowledged being a vampire. Kitsap Sun reported Monday that a Kitsap County court charged the 40-year-old Bremerton man Monday after he was suspected of using a metal rod to nudge his roommate in the chest. The roommate told county deputies that the suspect accused him of being a vampire, threatened to kill him and struck him with a metal rod. The roommate says he feared his life because the suspect has severe mental health issues and is physically larger. The suspect’s brother told deputies the roommate jokingly said “Is that what the kids are calling me these days?” Authorities say the suspect believed the roommate acknowledged being a blood-sucking creature.

#### Deer crashes through window of Long Island hair salon

**LAKE RONKONKOMA, N.Y.** (AP)—A deer crashed through the window of a Long Island hair salon Saturday and ran amok before breaking out the front door with a straightening iron in tow. The buck’s surprise visit to the Be.you.tiful salon in Lake Ronkonkoma was captured by the salon’s security camera and widely shared on social media. Salon owner Jenisse Heredia said she was cutting a client’s hair when she heard “this wild crash” and thought it was a car. “But when I looked I saw a deer coming at me,” Heredia said Sunday. The buck ran to the break room at the back of the shop, came back out and hit a mirror, then ran out with an iron caught on its antlers, Heredia said. Police said one client suffered leg and head pain and was treated at a hospital. The security video shows the deer jumping over the woman’s head as she sits on a couch at the front of the shop. Although the buck ran through the shop thrashing its antlers, it caused little damage other than to the front door and window, Heredia said. “It’s crazy. It didn’t break anything,” she said. The salon, which is closed Sundays, will open as usual on Monday, she said.

## Cone or scoop: Guinea pig ice cream for sale in Ecuador

**QUITO, Ecuador** (AP)—It’s a real ice cream flavor: guinea pig.

Anyone who thinks of guinea pigs as pets—cute, squishy, squeaking bundles of fur—might find that idea hard to digest.

The rodents are a traditional hot dish in some Latin American countries, including Colombia, Peru and Bolivia. In Ecuador, people typically cook guinea pigs with salt and serve them with potatoes and peanut sauce. But one vendor is taking things to another gastronomic level, serving guinea pigs as a cold dessert.

Some people like ice cream made from “cuy,” as the animal is locally known.

“I was suspicious, but it was tasty,” said Marlene Franco, a 78-year-old retiree who tried a scoop at a stall next to a highway linking the Ecuadorian capital of Quito to the city of Sangolquí.

The stall owner is María del Carmen Pilapaña, whose off-beat offering inspires disbelief and laughter among first-time customers.

Pilapaña’s operation is small. It consists of two tables in an open area lined with dentists’ clinics and other businesses. Even so, demand is growing. Every week, the entrepreneur prepares 150 servings (\$1 for a cone) of guinea pig ice cream.

She also makes 40 servings of ice cream flavored with beetles, also traditionally eaten as a salty snack, and a smaller amount of mushroom ice cream.

“My family and my husband thought I was crazy. They didn’t think anyone would like these ice creams, but now they’re our main product,” said Pilapaña, who acknowledges that she had her own doubts about whether her investment would pay off.



#### BEEPING BIN

A Georgia Bureau of Investigation bomb technician carries a security tag found in a garbage can in Atlanta Friday, Oct. 18, 2019. A person reported a beeping sound coming from the trash bin outside a state government building in the heart of downtown. Police evacuated the building and summoned bomb technicians.

AP



# Science & Technology

## Google claims breakthrough in blazingly fast computing

### How to deal with a Facebook lockout

#### TECH Q&A

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**Q**: I was suddenly logged out of my Facebook account on my desktop computer. When I tried to log in again, I received a message that said, “We’ve detected suspicious activity on your Facebook account and have temporarily locked it as a security precaution.” The message said I was probably a victim of phishing (in which an attacker poses as a legitimate company to steal personal data,) and offered to walk me through a security check if I clicked “continue.” But when I clicked “continue,” nothing happened. Now I can’t log in to Facebook via the Chrome or Firefox browsers on my computer, or the Facebook app on my phone. What should I do?

**A:** The big question is why your Facebook account was locked. The answer could be:

- Facebook thinks (rightly or wrongly) that you violated one of its many rules. For example, there are rules about posting advertising, making “Facebook friends” or not using your real name. (For details, see [tinyurl.com/y4aqxox5](https://tinyurl.com/y4aqxox5)).

- You may have logged on from several different devices lately, which Facebook might consider an indication that your account had been hacked.

- You may have been a victim of “phishing” if you were misdirected to a phony website that appeared to be Facebook and you logged in there. If that happened, someone else may have used your login credentials to gain access to your account, and Facebook may have detected it.

- The message may not have come from Facebook, but from a hacker. If that’s the case, you may have downloaded some malware by clicking “continue.”

Here’s what you can do:

- Don’t click on a link in any message, no matter who it appears to be from.

- Run the free version of the Malwarebytes security program (see [tinyurl.com/jsdackd](https://tinyurl.com/jsdackd)), then try logging into Facebook.

- Clear your browser’s cache and browsing history, then try logging in to Facebook.

- Try logging into Facebook on someone else’s computer.

- Go through the Facebook process for regaining access to an account (see [tinyurl.com/yysup9pf](https://tinyurl.com/yysup9pf)) or explain your problem to Facebook (see [tinyurl.com/y5tq9cmu](https://tinyurl.com/y5tq9cmu)).

**Q:** I recently upgraded my iPad to Apple’s iOS 13.1.2 operating system, and now the voice-to-text feature of my Yahoo Mail app doesn’t work properly (the cursor jumps around.) However, the dictation feature works fine if I use Yahoo Mail via the iPad’s mail app. I reloaded the Yahoo Mail app, but it made no difference. Apple and Yahoo blame each other. What should I do?

**A:** Like all new operating systems, iOS 13.1.2 is encountering some problems. For example, Apple is having iOS problems with its own e-mail app (see [tinyurl.com/y3subkpg](https://tinyurl.com/y3subkpg)), as well as with device battery life and data syncing (see [tinyurl.com/y4paf89u](https://tinyurl.com/y4paf89u)). Given all that, it’s unclear when Apple will fix the bug causing problems in the Yahoo Mail app.

It’s also possible that Apple’s updates to iOS won’t solve the Yahoo Mail app problem, and that Yahoo will then have to rewrite its own app.

In the meantime, I suggest that you keep accessing Yahoo Mail via the iPad’s mail app (which, for you at least, seems to be working.)

**SAN FRANCISCO (AP)**—Google announced Wednesday it has achieved a breakthrough in quantum computing, saying it has developed an experimental processor that took just minutes to complete a calculation that would take the world’s best supercomputer thousands of years.

The feat could open the door someday to machines so blazingly fast that they could revolutionize such tasks as finding new medicines, developing vastly smarter artificial intelligence systems and, most ominously, cracking the

encryption that protects some of the world’s most closely guarded secrets.

Such practical uses are still probably decades away, scientists said. But the latest findings, published in the scientific journal *Nature*, show that “quantum speedup is achievable in a real-world system and is not precluded by any hidden physical laws,” the researchers wrote.

Big tech companies including Microsoft, IBM and Intel are avidly pursuing quantum computing, a new and somewhat bewildering technology for vastly sped-up information processing.

While conventional computing relies on bits, or pieces of data that bear either a one or zero, quantum computing employs quantum bits, or qubits, that contain values of one and zero simultaneously.

But quantum computing requires placing the fragile and volatile qubits in colder-than-outer-space-refrigerators to control them.

Google’s quantum processor looks like an upside-down garbage can, out of

which comes a series of tubes used to conduct signals to a chip. The whole thing is stored in a cool chamber to protect the chip.

Google said that its quantum processor, called Sycamore, finished a calculation in 3 minutes, 20 seconds—and that it would take the world’s fastest supercomputer 10,000 years to do the same thing.

The calculation was a random sampling problem, similar to looking at the various combinations that could come from dice or a gambling machine. It has little practical value, other than to test how well the processor works.

“The more interesting milestone will be a useful application,” said Chris Monroe, a University of Maryland physicist who is also the founder of quantum startup IonQ.

Google’s findings, however, faced pushback from other industry researchers. A version of Google’s paper leaked online last month.

IBM took issue with Google’s claim that it had achieved “quantum suprema-

cy,” or the point when a quantum computer can perform a calculation that a traditional computer can’t complete within its lifetime.

IBM researchers said that its IBM-developed supercomputer, called Summit, could actually do the calculation in 2.5 days.

Google disputed IBM’s claims.

Whether or not Google achieved “quantum supremacy,” the research suggests the field is maturing.

“The quantum supremacy milestone allegedly achieved by Google is a pivotal step in the quest for practical quantum computers,” John Preskill, the Caltech professor who coined the term “quantum supremacy,” wrote in a column after the paper was leaked.

It means quantum computing research can enter a new stage, he wrote, though a significant effect on society “may still be decades away.”

One feared outcome—though experts said it is a long way off—is a computer powerful enough to break today’s best cryptography.

### Google affiliate begins drone deliveries in Virginia town

A Google affiliate started using drones Friday to deliver customers’ Walgreens and FedEx purchases in a test being run in a Virginia town.

Wing, which is owned by Google parent Alphabet, received federal approval earlier this year to make commercial deliveries by drone. It was the first drone company to receive the approval in the U.S., beating out Amazon’s Prime Air, which revealed its drone plans in 2013.

Earlier this month, UPS also got approval from the Federal Aviation Administration to fly delivery drones. The company has been running delivery tests with WakeMed’s hospital campus in Raleigh, North Carolina.

Wing partnered with Walgreens, FedEx and local gift shop Sugar Magnolia to perform the tests in Christiansburg, Virginia. Walgreens customers in the town will be able to order from a list of more than 100 items and get them delivered to their doors by drones.

The first Walgreens drone delivery customers ordered cough and cold medicine. A Wing drone also delivered a FedEx package from Dick’s Sporting Goods to another family in town.

Susie Sensmeier received a purple winter vest she ordered from Dick’s Sporting Goods delivered by a drone to her front yard. The 81-year-old said she never thought she’d see something like it.

“I didn’t think I would live that long or it wouldn’t come in my lifetime, I’m thrilled,” she said.

#### Science Matters

**Wastewater – filtered and cleaned – is a crucial source of water for some areas with growing demand and supply diminished by drought**

### Superbugs in recycled wastewater

Antibiotic-resistant bacteria – a modern biological scourge – are being found in city drinking water that has been recycled from wastewater, and treatment must be especially thorough.

Culture dish with streaks of antibiotic-resistant bacteria, grown in a medical research laboratory

#### How bacteria become resistant

Bacteria mutate; some manage to survive antibiotics

Overuse of antibiotics to treat health conditions

Agricultural antibiotic use to enhance animal growth

Human, animal waste; careless drug disposal

Resistant bacteria pass on genetic trait to others

#### Why threat is increasing

Earlier methods of water treatment may not remove new kinds of contamination, such as antibiotic resistant bacteria

Water testing needs to watch for those mutated forms of bacteria

Newborn being treated to prevent infection by antibiotic-resistant bacteria

#### How to reuse water safely

New, multi-stage water treatment is required to make wastewater ready to be used by the public

Large reverse-osmosis plant can remove salt from sea water and block biological contaminants

Source: Adam Smith of University of Southern California; TNS Photos Graphic: Helen Lee McComas, Tribune News Service



# Life & Style

## Rose McGowan sues alleging intimidation by Weinstein, others

By ANDREW DALTON  
AP ENTERTAINMENT WRITER

**LOS ANGELES (AP)**—Actress Rose McGowan filed a federal lawsuit Wednesday alleging that Harvey Weinstein and two of his former attorneys engaged in rack-

eteering to silence her and derail her career before she accused him of rape.

The suit filed in Los Angeles names as defendants Weinstein, attorneys David Boies and Lisa Bloom and their law firms, and Black Cube, an Israeli intelligence firm hired by Weinstein.

## Painting stolen by Nazis recovered from an upstate New York museum

**CANAJOHARIE, N.Y. (AP)**—A painting seized by the Nazis from a Jewish family in 1933 has been recovered from a museum in upstate New York by the FBI.

The work, "Winter" by American artist Gari Melchers, was part of the collection at the Arkell Museum in Canajoharie until Sept. 10, according to federal court documents. The recovery is part of an international effort to find artwork that was stolen after the Nazis' ascension to power.

German publisher and philanthropist Rudolf Mosse first acquired the painting from the Great Berlin Art Exhibition in 1900. The Nazi government seized control of the family's art collection after Mosse's family members fled Germany in 1933. The Nazis had persecuted the family because they were Jewish and because of their affiliations with Ber-

liner Tageblatt, a newspaper critical of the party, according to court documents.

Bartlett Arkell, the first president of the Beech-Nut Packing Company, brought the painting from a New York City gallery in 1934 for his personal collection and it later became part of the collection at the museum 50 miles (80 kilometers) northwest of Albany that bears his name.

Suzan D. Friedlander, the museum's executive director and chief curator, said in an emailed statement that the museum "was of course very upset to learn the history of the painting's seizure from the Mosse family by the Nazis in 1933." The museum waived all rights to the painting, which is also known as "Skaters" or "Snow."

The painting will remain at the FBI's Albany office until it is reunited with the Mosse family.

The lawsuit alleges that the defendants conspired to defraud, smear and marginalize McGowan as she was preparing to name Weinstein during the run-up to the explosion of the #MeToo movement late in 2017. The suit comes on the heels of a pair of recent books that detail Weinstein and his team's efforts to keep his accusers quiet.

"Harvey Weinstein was able to perpetrate and cover up decades of violence and control over women because he had a sophisticated team working on his behalf to systematically silence and discredit his victims," McGowan said in a statement. "My life was upended by their actions, and I refuse to be intimidated any longer."

Weinstein's attorney Phyllis Kupferstein said McGowan is "a publicity seeker looking for money" and her suit is meritless.

"From the moment she sought a \$6 million dollar

payout in return for not making these baseless allegations, which we rejected at the time, we knew that she was waiting for an opportune time such as this to begin her suit," Kupferstein said.

Emails seeking comment from the other defendants were not immediately returned.

McGowan, 46, known for her role in the "Scream" movie franchise, was one of the earliest and one of the most prominent of dozens of women to accuse Weinstein of sexual misconduct, making her a major figure in the #MeToo movement.

McGowan had been tweeting in 2017 that she was preparing to name her rapist in a forthcoming memoir, "Brave," which was published the following year.

The lawsuit alleges that the defendants used spies posing as women's rights advocates and journalists to obtain a copy of

the memoir, illegally recorded her conversations, and smeared her to those in the entertainment industry who were working on projects with her.

Hers is one of several lawsuits, along with criminal charges, against Weinstein stemming from the sexual misconduct allegations, including a defamation suit from actress Ashley Judd.

But McGowan's lawsuit goes further than most in including the team around Weinstein, alleging that they illegally conspired to intimidate her, other victims, and journalists attempting to tell their stories.

"Weinstein enlisted others—including his co-Defendants in this case—as co-conspirators, all working with a single mission: to protect Weinstein's reputation, suppress negative information about him, and silence and discredit his accusers," the lawsuit states.

The lawsuit heavily cites

and repeats stories detailed in the recently released books "Catch and Kill" by New Yorker writer Ronan Farrow, and "She Said" by Jodi Kantor and Megan Twohey.

Both books delve in to the work done for Weinstein by Boies and Bloom, two of the most prominent and visible attorneys in the nation, who both faced heated criticism for representing the movie mogul.

Boies is best known for defending Al Gore during the disputed 2000 presidential election. Bloom, like her mother and fellow attorney Gloria Allred, is primarily known as a women's rights attorney who often represents women in sexual harassment and assault cases.

The lawsuit alleges that Bloom approached McGowan and Farrow as an ally in an attempt to get them to back off Weinstein, without revealing that she was working for him to revive his reputation.

## New Sept. 11 exhibit stages the hunt for Osama bin Laden

**NEW YORK (AP)**—Declassified U.S. government documents and artifacts will be part of a new exhibit about the decade-long search for Osama bin Laden at the site of the New York terrorist attack he masterminded.

"Revealed: The Hunt for Bin Laden" opens Nov. 15 at the National September 11 Memorial & Museum, a multimedia account of the mission that ended with bin Laden's death in Pakistan in 2011.

With direct access to the operatives who led America's feverish post-9/11 hunt for the top terrorist, the exhibit presents a sort of whodunit drama with graphics, videos and the voices of the protagonists.

Those include intelligence agents, former President Barack Obama and members of the U.S. Navy SEALs team that raided the compound where bin Laden was shot and killed in his bedroom.

"This is essentially a kind of crime story, however, at a horrific scale of crime and at a global scale of pursuit, with many trials and tribulations," the exhibit's main designer, Jonathan Alger, said Wednesday at a news conference at the museum.

"The entire space is cinematic," he said. "At the time, every single minute and second, it was a cliffhanger."

Photos show the scenes of the search, including caves and a wild mountain range in Afghanistan where bin Laden was believed to be hiding. He was



In this artist's rendering provided by C&G Partners, the exhibit "Revealed: The Hunt for Bin Laden," is shown at the National September 11 Museum in New York.

under protection of the Taliban, which issued al-Qaida members passports allowing them to move around freely.

One of those passports will be displayed, along with enrollment forms used by al-Qaida to recruit new members.

In other images, American anti-terrorism military units are seen on terrain they're combing for possible clues to bin Laden's whereabouts. A trunk on display contains items collected during U.S. raids, including some from bin Laden's compound.

A declassified, pre-9/11 U.S. intelligence document reveals: "Bin Laden Determined to Strike in US."

An artifact on display from his al-Qaida training camp in Afghanistan is a blue wall fragment seen in propaganda videos featuring bin Laden.

The presentation titles one section "Gains and Setbacks," and details the U.S. failure to catch bin Laden before he fled Afghanistan.

"We were working on it; we just didn't do enough," said Mark Kelton, the former CIA chief in Pakistan in charge of the bin Laden compound operation.

Speaking at the news conference, Kelton's voice broke with emotion as he remembered that after bin Laden was gone, he told American colleagues in Pakistan "that we had delivered justice to a murderer."

Members of Navy SEAL Team 6 recorded in their own words how they tracked bin Laden's courier, eventually descending in a helicopter on the compound in Abbottabad, Pakistan, as Obama and his Cabinet watched from the

White House.

On Wednesday, the parents of a New York firefighter who died on 9/11 came to the presentation to thank both U.S. operatives and exhibit organizers.

"This is the completion of a tale of history—the head of the snake is dead," said Maureen Santora, whose son, Christopher Santora, died at 23 while running toward one of the burning trade center towers that collapsed.

She thanked Kelton with a long tearful embrace.

The 9/11 museum is a nonprofit on the 16-acre site where more than 2,700 people died and are memorialized with two reflecting pools in the footprints of the fallen twin towers. The collection includes more than 60,000 items that tell intimate stories linked to the attacks and its aftermath.



US ATTORNEY'S OFFICE VIA AP

This undated image taken from evidence filed in a forfeiture case in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of New York, is of the painting often entitled "Winter," by the artist Gari Melchers. The painting, stolen by the Nazis in 1933, was recovered by the FBI from a collection at the Arkell Museum in Canajoharie, N.Y.



# Governors Awards honoree Geena Davis on advocacy and equity

By **LINDSEY BAHR**  
AP FILM WRITER

**LOS ANGELES (AP)**—When Geena Davis got a message on a Saturday morning that the president of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences needed to speak to her urgently, she thought “I hope I’m not in trouble.”

It was quite the opposite. The call was to inform Davis that she had been selected to receive the Jean Hersholt Humanitarian Award at this year’s Governors Awards for

starting the Geena Davis Institute on Gender in Media. On Sunday, she’ll join the ranks of past honorees like Audrey Hepburn, Gregory Peck and Oprah Winfrey at the 11th installment of the awards. Honorary Oscars will also be given to David Lynch, Wes Studi and Lina Wertmüller.

Unlike her fellow honorees, however, Davis, 63, has actually won an Academy Award—for her supporting performance in “The Accidental Tourist.” Although it’s now 30 years ago, she remembers that day

## ‘Once Upon a Time’ to be reissued with new scenes

**NEW YORK (AP)**—Quentin Tarantino’s “Once Upon a Time ... in Hollywood” is heading back into theaters with 10 minutes of added scenes.

Sony Pictures said Wednesday that the longer “Once Upon a Time ... in Hollywood” will play in more than 1,000 theaters in the U.S. and Canada beginning Friday. The new running time will push Taranti-

no’s 1969 Los Angeles fable to nearly three hours.

“Once Upon a Time ... in Hollywood” has been one of the most successful original films of the year. The movie was made for \$90 million. It has grossed \$139.8 million domestically and \$366.8 million worldwide.

The film starring Leonardo DiCaprio and Brad Pitt is expected to be a major Oscar contender.



**AP**  
This Jan. 23, 2017 file photo shows actress Geena Davis posing for a portrait to promote the film, “Marjorie Prime” during the Sundance Film Festival in Park City, Utah.

I’m all dressed. I might as well still go. But it was incredibly sobering,” she said. “It took a little bit of a shine off of going at first.”

Mercifully, she didn’t have to wait that much longer. Her category was first up at the ceremony and she won out over Sigourney Weaver and Joan Cusack (“Working Girl”), Frances McDormand (“Mississippi Burning”) and Michelle Pfeiffer (“Dangerous Liaisons”).

The award Sunday, however, is not for acting, but for her work as an advocate for gender equality, which began informally after she realized the effect that “Thelma & Louise” had on people.

“It dramatically changed my life,” Davis said. “The reaction to it made me realize that we give women so few opportunities to feel empowered and inspired by the female characters. That’s when I decided that from then on, I was going to make choices with women in the audience in mind.”

vividly. It was her first Oscars and she was pretty nervous. She’d gotten made up and put on her evening gown very early in the day. As she waited, she thought: I should have a snack.

“So, I got a plate of spaghetti. I covered myself up with towels and sat down and I put on the TV,” she said.

“The Oprah Show” was on

and a few movie critics were talking about who would win that night. As luck would have it, they were just about to start talking about her category.

“I thought: Oh, this will be interesting,” Davis said. “One by one, they’re talking about the nominees and saying various nice things about everybody. And then they get to me last and

as they go down the line, each reviewer says in one way or another, absolutely zero chance.”

One said she was too pretty for the role. Another said she was too ugly. And Davis just sat there, in her towel-covered gown, mouth open and a fork full of spaghetti in hand. As if she wasn’t nervous enough already.

“I thought, well, ok. I mean,

## Dolly Parton, Chris Stapleton, Pink to perform at CMA Awards

**NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP)**—Dolly Parton will perform a new song “Faith” in a gospel medley, Reba McEntire will revisit her hit “Fancy” and Chris Stapleton will perform a duet with Pink at this year’s Country Music Association Awards.

CMA announced Wednesday the first round of performers for the Nov. 13 awards show in Nashville, Tennessee. Parton will also sing “God Only Knows” with Christian

duo for KING & COUNTRY and “There Was Jesus” with Zach Williams.

Carrie Underwood, who is nominated for entertainer of the year and will host the show with McEntire and Parton, will perform “Drinking Alone,” while Miranda Lambert will sing her new single, “It All Comes Out in the Wash.”

Additional performers include Eric Church, Luke Combs, Keith Urban and the show’s top nominee, Maren Morris.

## Ginsburg to receive \$1 million Berggruen Prize

**WASHINGTON (AP)**—Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg is the winner of this year’s \$1 million Berggruen Prize for philosophy and culture.

The award announced Wednesday by the Los Angeles-based Berggruen Institute honors Ginsburg for her pioneering legal work for gender equality and her support for the rule of law. The institute says Ginsburg will direct the money to charity.

The 86-year-old Ginsburg

has been on the Supreme Court since 1993.

She is the court’s oldest justice, but maintains an active public speaking schedule that took her to the San Francisco Bay Area earlier this week. Ginsburg has been treated for cancer twice in the past 10 months.

Before joining the high court, she served 13 years as a federal appeals court judge in Washington, D.C.

Ginsburg spent the early part of her career as a professor at the

Rutgers University law school in New Jersey and at Columbia University law school. She started the American Civil Liberties Union’s Women’s Rights Project in the 1970s.

The Berggruen Prize was established in 2016 by philanthropist Nicolas Berggruen to honor those who have “profoundly shaped human self-understanding and advancement.”

Berggruen said in an interview that Ginsburg played a leading role in gender equality. “She has done a lot to pro-

tect and further civil liberties. She has done a lot for women. That’s especially important in these times,” he said.

Ginsburg will receive the award on Dec. 16 at a ceremony at the New York Public Library.

When she received a different foundation’s \$100,000 award in 1996, Ginsburg directed the money to more than a dozen schools, performing arts groups and civil rights organizations, according to her financial disclosure report.

## Niece would rather stay home than help her aunt entertain

**DEAR ABBY:** My aunt is a perfectionist who loves hosting get-togethers at her house once a week. I love being at home on a day off, so I can get chores done around the house and catch up on rest. I feel like I’m suffocating when she insists on including me, because it is time away from my home on a Sunday or a holiday.

When I attend, I feel like I’m really there to do the behind-the-scenes things, like dishes, trash, etc., and I don’t get to relax, visit and enjoy the get-togethers. If I don’t attend or I protest in any way, she gets really upset.

I don’t know how to achieve a win-win for both of us. My aunt has a big heart and loves entertaining people. I’m an introvert, and I’m definitely not an entertainer. Being around people makes me feel overwhelmed, where it revitalizes her. Please help.

UNCOMFORTABLE IN THE MIDWEST

**DEAR UNCOMFORTABLE:** Explain your feelings to your aunt exactly as you have to me. If she’s as big-hearted as you say, she should understand and let you off the hook without becoming “really upset.” From where I sit, you are being treated less as a guest than as a one-person, free kitchen and cleanup crew. You have the right to spend your holidays and weekends exactly as you wish, just as she does.

**DEAR ABBY:** I recently confessed my feelings to a married man after a year of liking him. We have known each other for five years. I ignored the signs of his interest in me until this past year. He hasn’t even been married a year yet, but he gives me attention and flirts with me.

After I told him how I felt, he didn’t tell me where he stood with it, didn’t shut me down or tell me he feels the way I do. But he did hug me four days later, something he has never done before. What do I do in a situation like this? I can’t let these feelings go.

LETTING GO IN THE WEST

**DEAR LETTING GO:** What you do in a situation like this is stop chasing a married man. You knew him for four years before his wedding. During that time he not only never asked you out, he courted and married someone else. For your sake, you had better find a way to let those feelings go or channel them elsewhere, because what you want is not going to happen and will keep you from finding someone who is available.

**DEAR ABBY:** My husband was terminally ill when a GoFundMe account was set up on Facebook to help raise money for his expenses. He has since passed away, and after the medical expenses were paid, there’s still quite a bit of money left over. My

## DEAR ABBY

By **ABIGAIL VAN BUREN**  
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question is, who does that money belong to? My mother-in-law says the money should be split between me and my stepdaughter. I think the money belongs only to me. Please comment.

MARIA IN CALIFORNIA

**DEAR MARIA:** Please accept my sympathy for the loss of your husband. Before grabbing the money, ask yourself what your HUSBAND would want. Would there be any reason not to share it with his daughter? If the answer to that question is no, then listen to your mother-in-law and do as she suggests.

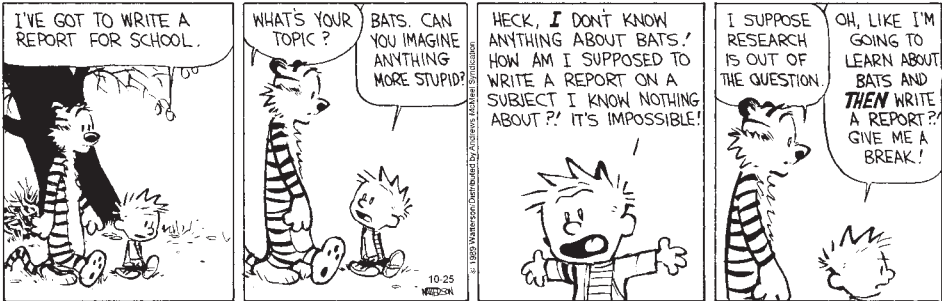
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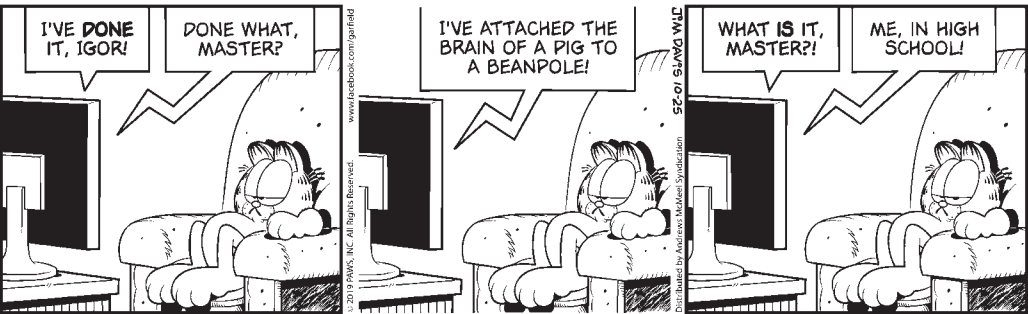
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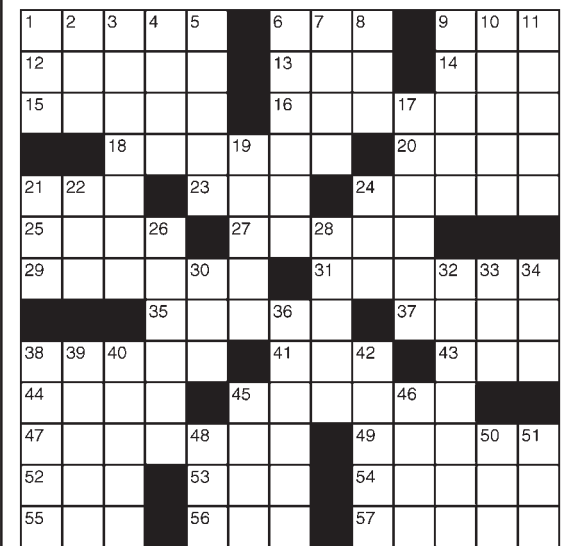
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19 Enlight-ened Buddhist  
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33 Before  
34 Up-to-date  
36 Runway surface  
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45 Sloth's home  
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50 Opposite of "post-"  
51 — Juan

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**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Put work on hold, and concentrate on what makes you happy. Consider what you can do to head in a positive direction vocationally, physically, mentally and emotionally. Share your feelings with someone you love. It's a new day; choose a peaceful path. ★★★

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Live, learn and don't forget to laugh. Indulge in conversations that will help you understand what's expected of you. Focus on getting along, compromising and forming a closer relationship with someone special. A little romance will promote a happier home life. ★★★

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Do something creative or physical. Take better care of your health, and make alterations that will give you a fresh look that adds to your appeal. A partnership should be looked at carefully. Don't let anyone take advantage of you. ★★★★★

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Sign up to do something you enjoy. Get out of the house; surround yourself with the people who make you smile. Your priority should be building strong relationships, not making matters worse by arguing. Keep the peace. ★★

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Avoid controversial topics or making a change prematurely. It's best to keep busy, do your research and determine what's feasible. A personal relationship will face an unexpected emotional turning point. Proceed with caution. ★★★★★

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Plan to do something social. Mix business with pleasure if it will give you a chance to discuss exciting prospects or elaborate on a plan you are going to pursue. Trips and romantic talks will lead to positive domestic change. ★★★★★

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Do whatever it takes to dodge an argument. You should be relaxing, not getting all worked up. If someone is demanding or manipulative, simply remove yourself from the situation. Physical activity will alleviate anxiety and encourage a healthy lifestyle. ★★★

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Take time to analyze your choices before you leap into action. It's best to follow through from beginning to end before you take on something that may turn into an inconvenience. Put your priorities in order and your needs first. ★★★★★

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Stick to the bare minimum today, and you won't be sorry. Too much of anything will spin into something difficult to control. Whether it's your dealing with emotions, spending money or taking on physical challenges, less is favored. ★★

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**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Spend more time and money on self-improvement, helping others and making positive adjustments at home. Now is not the time to let anxiety or anger set in; it's the time to channel your energy into something constructive and self-satisfying. Romance is encouraged. ★★★★★

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Put one foot in front of the other, and keep moving. Reconnect with someone who motivated you in the past, and you'll get a surge of energy that will encourage you to keep your head down and finish what you start. ★★★

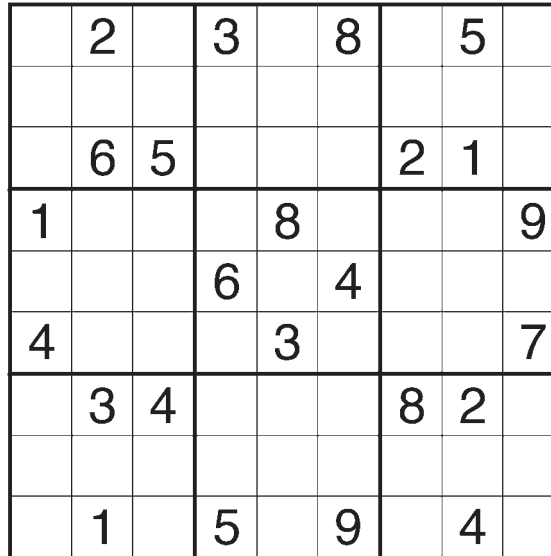
**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** Only you know what you want or need. Don't expect someone else to have your back or push you in the right direction. Concentrate on personal growth, self-confidence and following your heart to achieve your goal. Romance is heightened. ★★★

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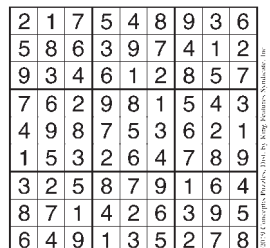


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By DAVID OUELLET

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# Strasburg stars as Nats take 2-0 Series lead



**HOUSTON**  
(AP)—Stephen Strasburg's time had come.

Famously held out of the postseason seven years ago, Strasburg delivered on the biggest stage of all Wednesday night.

The right-hander outpitched fellow ace Justin Verlander, overcoming a shaky start to help give the Washington Nationals a 12-3 win over the Houston Astros and a commanding 2-0 lead in the World Series.

Kurt Suzuki hit a tiebreaking homer in what became a messy six-run seventh inning, and the Nationals headed back home to Washington for the next two games—three if needed.

Adam Eaton paraded around the bases pointing to the Houston crowd after a late home run as the Nationals won their eighth in a row. They've won 18 of 20 overall dating back to the regular season, with the last two over AL Cy Young Award favorites Gerrit Cole and Verlander.

Game 3 is Friday night when Anibal Sánchez opposes Houston's Zack Greinke in the first World Series game in the nation's capital since 1933.

"Probably going to be a little frigid, might be a little cold, so bring your jackets and your beanies," said slugger Anthony Rendon, who hit a two-run double in the first inning.

The 31-year-old Strasburg had waited years for this chance. Back in 2012, he was about two years removed from Tommy John surgery when Nationals brass decided protecting his elbow was more important than pitching him in the playoffs, so he was shut down late in a season full of promise.

Making his Series debut, Strasburg allowed a two-run homer to Alex Bregman in the first before throwing five shut-out innings to improve 4-0 this postseason. He allowed seven



Washington Nationals starting pitcher Stephen Strasburg throws against the Houston Astros during the first inning of Game 2 of the World Series Wednesday, Oct. 23, 2019, in Houston.

hits and struck out seven.

Nationals manager Dave Martinez was asked what's allowed Strasburg to be so good this postseason.

"One, he has the confidence

to do it and two, he's become a premier pitcher, a big-game pitcher," Martinez said. "He doesn't get rattled."

Verlander, so good in the regular season, fell to 0-5 in

six World Series starts. He gave up seven hits and four runs, and was lifted after walking a batter following Suzuki's home run.

Verlander led the majors

with 21 wins this season and struck out a career-high 300 to reach 3,000 in his career. He has a World Series ring, MVP and Cy Award trophies, and three no-hitters on his resume.

He struck out six to become the career leader in postseason Ks with 202—another impressive statistic on a stellar resume that's still missing that elusive World Series win.

Their dominance against Houston's best pitchers turned the underdog Nationals into heavy favorites to win the title. Only three of the previous 25 teams to lose the first two games at home under the 2-3-2 format have come back to win the Series. No one has done it since the 1996 New York Yankees.

"I wish I was a betting man, but I'm not," Martinez said. "I don't really believe in that stuff... we're here because the boys never gave up."

But the Astros insist the tough start hasn't dampened their confidence.

"We have a really good team," manager AJ Hinch said. "Clearly, the Nats have outplayed us—bottom line. They came into our building and played two really good games. We're going to have to try to sleep off the latter third of this game."

Things went wrong immediately for Verlander when he walked leadoff man Trea Turner on four pitches. Eaton, who homered in the eighth, singled before Rendon, the Houston native who said he'd certainly have 100 friends and family members at Minute Maid Park for each game, knocked a ball off the wall in left field to put the Nationals up 2-0.

"This is my city. I love Houston," Rendon said. "We were going to try to just steal one game and we just happened to steal two, and we've got to take care of business at home."

Michael Brantley singled with two outs in the bottom of

the first before Bregman's homer to left tied it. After hitting .167 with no homers in the ALCS and struggling in the opener of this series, Bregman took a second to admire his homer before nonchalantly tossing his bat and trotting to first.

All eight of Bregman's postseason home runs have come off All-Stars.

Verlander got his 200th postseason strikeout when he fanned Victor Robles for the second out in the second inning. The eight-time All-Star passed John Smoltz, who had 199 and was in the TV booth for Fox to see his record fall.

Verlander and Strasburg both settled in after their early wobbles and neither pitcher allowed the hitters to string much together until things fell apart for Houston in the seventh.

Suzuki sent Verlander's 100th pitch sailing above the seats in left field to start the inning and put the Nationals on top. Ryan Pressly, who left Game 6 of the ALCS with a knee injury, took over and didn't look right from the start.

He walked Turner before Hinch called for his first intentional walk of the season when he gave Juan Soto a free pass to load the bases with two outs. Howie Kendrick, Asdrúbal Cabrera and Ryan Zimmerman followed with successive singles to bust this one open, putting the Nationals up 8-2. As those hits were piling up and run after run crossed the plate, many in the stunned sellout crowd of 43,357 began streaming for the exits.

Hinch was asked what happened in the seventh inning.

"Where would you like me to start? The leadoff homer? That's what happened," he said. "It started with the leadoff homer and then a tough at-bat with Robles."

Michael A. Taylor padded the lead further when he hit a solo homer off Chris Devenski in the ninth.

Before the World Series started, the Astros were heavy favorites over the Nationals according to oddsmakers in Las Vegas. Now that the Nationals have taken a 2-0 series lead following a 12-3 dismantling of the Astros on Wednesday night, the odds are no longer in their favor.

As Pete Abraham of The Boston Globe notes, of the 55 teams to have taken a 2-0 series lead in the World Series, 44 went on to win it. That includes 17 of the last 18. The 1996 Yankees were the last team to come back from a two games to none deficit.

That being said, improbabilities do happen all the time in baseball, including in

## Odds don't favor Astros anymore

this very series. The Nationals defeated the Astros' two 20-game winners in Gerrit Cole and Justin Verlander. Per Stats Perform, Cole and Verlander are the first pair of 20-game winners to lose the first two games of a World Series since Don Drysdale and Sandy Koufax of the 1965 Dodgers. Cole and Verlander are the first pair to have lost their World Series games at home. Additionally, per ESPN Stats & Info, the Nationals are the first road team to win the first two games of the World Series since the 1999 Yankees. Their current eight-game

postseason winning streak is tied for the longest in a single postseason.

The Astros, however, will have to begin their turnaround in hostile territory as the next three games—two of which are guaranteed to be played—will take place in Washington, D.C. They will need Zack Greinke to dominate in Game 3 on Friday. Greinke hasn't had a dominant postseason start since 2014 when he was with the Dodgers. The Nationals will counter with Anibal Sánchez, who nearly threw a no-hitter against the Cardinals in his last start in

Game 1 of the NLCS.

It's going to be a long road back for the Astros, who have already spent a bullet each from Cole and Verlander. Given everything else surrounding the team, it's looking like a monumental ask at the moment.

### Verlander goes 0-5

Meanwhile, Verlander's illustrious accomplishments mean little right now.

Not those 225 wins, not the 3,006 regular season strikeouts, not the record 202 postseason Ks. Not the eight All-Star selections, not the 2011

Cy Young Award and Most Valuable Player prize.

Verlander dropped to 0-5 in World Series games Wednesday night as the Washington Nationals pounded the Houston Astros. That skid on baseball's biggest stage is dragging the right-hander's reputation down like ballast sinking a ship to the bottom of the sea.

Never before has a pitcher lost his first five World Series decisions.

He wound up flat on his back in the fourth inning, slipping on Ryan Zimmerman's grounder and firing the ball off his own left foot. Verland-

er could smile about that one, an instant blooper reel staple.

But he was razed along with all the Astros in the seventh, and that was no laughing matter.

Verlander gave up a go-ahead home run to Kurt Suzuki, who had not driven in a run in this postseason, the start of a spirit-crushing six-run inning that lifted Washington.

And the big home run off a fastball at the letters came on Verlander's second pitch to catcher Martín Maldonado, who had not been behind the plate for Verlander since last year. Prior to Suzuki's at-bat, every pitch by Verlander this season had been delivered to Robinson Chirinos.



# 76ers top Celtics in battle of East favorites



**PHILADELPHIA** (AP)—Joel Embiid was popped in the mouth by an elbow that drew blood, rattled teeth, and stunned the Sixers' big man.

Embiid shook off the knock after a short stint on the bench, then Philadelphia took off and won the first round in a bruising matchup between two teams expected to fight for the top spot in the Eastern Conference.

Embiid had 15 points and 13 rebounds, Ben Simmons scored 24 points and the 76ers beat the Boston Celtics 107-93 on Wednesday night.

The season opener had a May feel from the opening tip. Boston and Philly roughed up each other, combining for more than 60 fouls. They each showed off their prized free agent acquisitions.

But it was the Sixers who turned in a dominant fourth quarter.

"It felt like a playoff atmosphere, already," Philadelphia guard Josh Richardson said. "It was ready to pop from the jump."

Philly's superstars can only do so much, and the other Sixers were clutch in the fourth when they needed them.

Furkan Korkmaz and Tobias Harris buried consecutive 3-pointers—after the Sixers had missed 21 of 24 through three quarters—to stretch the lead to 10.

Even without that scrutinized jumper in play, Simmons was smooth and sensational as he attacked the hoop for easy baskets. He used a nifty spin move in the paint to hit Kyle O'Quinn for a basket that made it 90-74. The packed house went wild as the backups, a weak spot in the postseason, put the Sixers on the decisive run. Simmons also had nine assists and eight rebounds, though he played his 161st career game without a 3.

"I'm skilled, I'm gifted, I'm pretty good at what I do," Simmons said.

Gordon Hayward led the Celtics with 25 points. Jayson Tatum had 21.

Kemba Walker scored 12 points on 4-of-18 shooting in his Boston debut, and Al Horford had 16 points in his first game with the 76ers.

Horford spent the last three seasons with the Celtics and was one of the few defenders that gave Embiid fits. Horford signed a four-year deal to come to Philly and quickly became a popular teammate. Walker was signed to a four-year, \$141 million deal, the most Boston could offer, but \$80 million less than the Charlotte Hornets could have paid



him over five seasons.

"Tough night for many of us," Walker said. "I wish I could have played a lot better for these guys."

## Timberwolves 127, Nets 126

In New York, Kyrie Irving scored 50 points in a record-setting Nets debut, but lost his balance and missed a potential winning shot that allowed the Minnesota Timberwolves to pull off a victory over Brooklyn in overtime.

Karl-Anthony Towns had 36 points and 14 rebounds for Minnesota, and Andrew Wiggins added 21 points, including the go-ahead basket with 1:19 remaining.

Irving had the ball in his hands with a chance to cap his dazzling debut with a victory, following a Nets timeout. He ran the clock down and then began his drive, but lost his balance near the foul line. He retained his dribble, got up and shot, but his jumper missed.

## Nuggets 108, Trail Blazers 100

In Portland, Nikola Jokic had 20 points and 13 rebounds despite sitting much of the first half because of foul trouble, and Denver spoiled the opening game of the Trail Blazers' 50th season.

Will Barton added 19 points for the Nuggets, who also snapped Portland's 18-game winning streak in home openers, the longest streak in league history.

Damian Lillard led the Blazers with 32 points and eight assists, and Hassan Whiteside had 16 points and 19 rebounds

in his Portland debut.

## Mavericks 108, Wizards 100

In Dallas, Luka Doncic had 34 points and nine rebounds and Kristaps Porzingis scored 23 points in the European pair's long-awaited first game together, leading Dallas past Washington.

Porzingis missed his first four shots before taking a break and coming back to score nine points in the final 2:45 of the first quarter.

## Heat 120, Grizzlies 101

In Miami, Justise Winslow scored 27 points, rookie Kendrick Nunn scored 24 in his NBA debut and the Heat ran away in the fourth quarter to

beat Memphis.

Goran Dragic scored 19 points for Miami, which played without Jimmy Butler because of personal reasons. Nunn and fellow rookie Tyler Herro started in the backcourt instead.

Bam Adebayo had 14 points and 11 rebounds for Miami, and Winslow added seven rebounds and seven assists.

## Pistons 119, Pacers 110

In Indianapolis, Andre Drummond had 32 points and 23 rebounds, and Luke Kennard made three 3-pointers in the final six minutes in Detroit's opening victory over the Pacers.

Kennard scored 30 points, a career best, and matched his career high with six 3s.

Domantas Sabonis had 27 points and 13 rebounds for Indiana.

## Spurs 120, Knicks 111

In San Antonio, LaMarcus Aldridge had 22 points, Bryn Forbes added 20 and the Spurs, spoiling No. 2 overall pick RJ Barrett's debut with New York.

Barrett had 21 points on 9-for-13 shooting with five rebounds and two assists in 37 minutes. Marcus Morris led New York with 26 points, and Julius Randle had 25 points and 11 rebounds.

## Suns 124, Kings 95

In Phoenix, Devin Booker had 22 points and 10 assists, Kelly Oubre Jr. added 21 points and Phoenix beat Sacramento in

**Boston Celtics' Gordon Hayward, left, goes up for a shot over Philadelphia 76ers' Al Horford during the first half of an NBA game Wednesday, Oct. 23, 2019, in Philadelphia. The 76ers won, 107-93.**

Monte Williams' first games as the coach of the Suns.

Ricky Rubio had 11 points, 11 assists, six rebounds and four steals in his first game with the Suns after signing a three-year, \$51 million deal. Deandre Ayton added 18 points and 11 rebounds.

## Jazz 100, Thunder 95

In Salty Lake City, Donovan Mitchell had 32 points and 12 rebounds to lead Utah past Oklahoma City.

Mitchell scored 22 points in the second half. Bojan Bogdanovic added 16 points, and Royce O'Neale chipped in with 14 for the Jazz. Rudy Gobert grabbed 14 rebounds.

## Hornets 126, Bulls 125

In Charlotte, rookie PJ Washington hit seven 3-pointers and scored 27 points to help the Hornets open the post-Kemba Walker era with a victory over Chicago.

The Hornets made 23 3-pointers, the most in franchise history in a regulation game. The record is 24 in a double-overtime game.

## Magic 94, Cavaliers 85

In Orlando, Nikola Vucevic had 21 points and nine rebounds in Orlando's victory over Cleveland.

Evan Fournier scored 16 points for Orlando, and Markelle Fultz had 12 points and six assists in his Magic debut. Kevin Love had 11 points and 18 rebounds for Cleveland in John Beilein's first game as coach.

## Woods shoots 64 in PGA's 1st tournament in Japan



**INZAI CITY, Japan** (AP)—Tiger Woods was in strong early-season form after

a slow start with a 6-under 64 in the first round of the Zozo Championship, the PGA Tour's first tournament in Japan.

Teeing off the from the 10th hole, Woods got off to a shaky start on Thursday with three straight bogeys at the par-70 Accordia Golf Narashino Country Club.

"It's always nice to get off to a quick start and figure it out from there," Woods said. "The start I got off to wasn't very good, I hit bad shot after bad shot...and the next thing you know, things aren't look-

ing so good."

But the Masters champion quickly found his game, making birdies on four of his next six holes to get to 1-under, two strokes behind with nine holes to play.

"After the start, the ball striking was better, the putting was really good," Woods said. "I was hitting a lot of good putts, the ball was rolling tight which was nice."

Woods is making his first start in his 23rd season on the PGA Tour, needing one victory to reach 82 wins and tie the career record held by Sam Snead. He had arthroscopic surgery on his left knee two months ago—his fifth on the same problem spot.

He continued his strong

form after the turn, carding three straight birdies from the par-3 third hole to move into a share of the lead at 4-under with Hideki Matsuyama and Gary Woodland.

Woods then took the sole lead with a long birdie putt on No. 7, another par-3. His tee shot on the final hole hit a tree and bounced back on to the fairway, a fortunate bounce that set up another birdie with a 194-yard approach shot that landed three-feet from the hole.

Woods last played in an official tournament in Japan in 2006 at the Dunlop Phoenix, where he lost in a playoff to Pádraig Harrington. He won the Dunlop Phoenix the two previous years.

"The people here in Japan and have come out and supported this event," Woods said. "It's been a lot of fun to play in front of them again, I haven't done it in a while. I've missed it. They've always been fantastic with golf and supported their golf here."

The Zozo tournament is part of three tournaments that make up the PGA Tour's Asia Swing, including the CJ Cup in South Korea won last week by Justin Thomas and the HSBC Champions in Shanghai next week.

Organizers said there were over 20,000 fans in attendance on the opening day.

Heavy rain from a storm over the Pacific Ocean is expected on Friday.



# Divisions A and B games start tonight

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**Dove**  
Women's League

Competition in Divisions A and B of the 2019 Dove Women's Fall League will start tonight at the artificial turf at the TSL Sports Complex.

Kanoa Football Club and Matansa FC will kick off the action in Division A as they collide in the 6pm match, while Paire will duel TanHoldings in the second match in the group at 8pm.

In Division B, there is only one game tonight with Kanoa taking on Southern United at 7pm. The other Division B match for the opening week of the futsal competition will be held this Sunday with Shirley's battling TanHoldings at 3pm.

## Matansa, TanHoldings win masters openers

Also set for this Sunday is a pair of games in the masters division. In the 4pm game, Matansa will face Paire, while in the 5pm tiff, it will be Kanoa versus MP United.

Matansa will be gunning for back-to-back, as it hammered Kanoa, 7-0, during the masters division's opening game last Sunday. TanHoldings also won its season debut last weekend after downing MP



MP United Football Club's Amy Quito-Weiss, left, kicks the ball, while TanHoldings FC's Jessica Costales deflects it during their masters division game in the 2019 Dove Women's Fall League last Sunday at the TSL Sports Complex.

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United, 3-1.

The masters division will have a round-robin format in the regular season with all teams advancing to the playoffs. The No. 1 finisher in the preliminaries will automatically move into the finals,

while the No. 2 and 3 will dispute the last finals ticket. The No. 4 and 5 squads will play for rankings.

In Divisions A and B, the four teams in each group will

play in a double-round robin preliminary to determine the playoff rankings where the No. 1 finisher battles the No. 4 squad for the first finals seat and the No. 2 and 3 teams duel for the second finals berth.

# MJD Warriors, Marianas Water feted

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The Amaris MJD Warriors and Amaris Marianas Water received their championship trophies during the awards ceremony for the Saipan Billiards Association Season 2019 Season held last Sunday at the Pacific Islands Club Saipan.

The Amaris MJD Warriors triumphed in the Tuesday

League under the leadership of team captain Jerry Soriano. Roel Barreto, Marvin Deocares, Mervin Sahagun, Cecilio Bisana, Rey Pinangay, Simon Kapileo, and Miko Usi also played for the division champion.

Rounding out the Top 3 in the Tuesday League were the Amaris IT&E Destroyer and the Brannons Docomo Hustlers.

In the Thursday League,

Amaris Marianas Water came out on top, as it was also led by Soriano. Barreto, Deocares, Sahagun, Bisana, Pinangay, and Usi completed the squad.

Brannons DECM Wizards bagged second place in the Thursday League and was followed by 9 Eleven Predators and 9 Eleven Club 88 Black Ball.

Meanwhile, the Budweiser Cup championship trophies

went to Amaris IT&E Destroyer and Sands Team SCS, which ruled the Tuesday and Thursday League divisions, respectively.

Sand Team SCS players include Rowel "Cobra" Mariano, Bryan Fabre, Jerry Tiu, Ken Chen, Roy Wu, Aaron Velasco, Lisa Gomez, Daniel Miranda, Erwin Gomez, and Joseph Delos Santos. Amaris IT&E Destroyers, on the other hand, had Jeff Garcia, Nolan Cultura, Rolly Villanueva, George Lizardo, R.J. Macaranas, and Cesar Sangalang on their roster.

In other awards, Albert Pangelinan of Brannons DECM Wizards and Soriano of Amaris Tavern took the regular season MVP trophies, while Amaris Tavern's Cecilio Bisana and Mervin Sahagun were named Finals MVP.

Amaris IT&E Destroyers' Jeff Garcia and Rolly Villanueva took the Top Gun awards, while Randy David of the 9 Eleven Club 88 Black Ball was selected Rookie of the Year. Randy David also took the Run the Rack award, the same plum that Soriano gained.



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The Amaris MJD Warriors players and their sponsors pose with the trophies they received during the awards ceremony for the Saipan Billiards Association Season 2019 Season held last Sunday at the Pacific Islands Club Saipan.

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wealth crew are vice captain Thaiphi Austria, Razeff Altamirano, Taka Borja, Joshua De Leon, Eunsyu Hahn, Joshua Mendez, Skyler Poon, Jason Quimson, John Michael Rojas, Kirt Andon, Joshua Waldo, Merrick Toves, Brian Lubao, Daniel Mar Pablo, Kohtaro Goto, Oliver Fajardo, and Reginald Pascual. The squad is a mixed of the players that competed in the 2019 Marianas Cup in Guam in August and in the AFC U16 Championship 2020 Qualifiers in Indonesia last month.

Northern Mariana Islands Football Association technical director Michiteru Mita is the team's head coach and will be assisted by Jerish Angeles, while Jimmy Tang is the group's goalkeeper coach. Also part of the CNMI delegation to the qualifiers that will run from Nov. 2 to 10 at the National Olympic Stadium are team manager Ruselle Zapanata, technical analyst Liz Phan, and physiotherapists Hazel Leoncio and Pam Carhill.

The CNMI players and officials, who met with their well-wishers yesterday during a send-off ceremony at Kanoa Resort, will leave Saipan for Cambodia via South Korea

on Tuesday, giving the Teen Ayuyus enough time to prepare for their opening match on Nov. 2 against Brunei. Besides Brunei, the CNMI bets will also duel Cambodia (Nov. 4), Thailand (Nov. 6), and Malaysia (Nov. 8) and all squads are tough ones so Mita is bracing his wards for very hard games, mentally and physically.

"The AFC tournament is the highest level international tournament for them. Players need to be 100% fit, not only technically, but also physically and mentally to compete against high-level opponents," Mita said.

The head coach added that their players are progressing well despite the challenges they are facing, as they prepare for the competition.

"The players are working hard on and off the pitch to be in top condition for the tournament. We need them to be in their best form so they can compete with these tough opponents," Mita said.

"The preparation is going well despite the boys' busy schedule, which does not only include the national team training, but also their school, the youth league, and men's league. They manage their time well, as they focus not only in football but also in academics," he added.

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Ol'Aces in the loser's bracket semifinals, which will be played tonight before the finale.

The Ol'Aces earned the right to face The As' Guardians for the second and last finals seat after outclassing We Are Groot in three sets. The Ol'Aces lost a tough first set, 23-25, but remained in contention after getting the second, 25-19. The Ol'Aces then completed the come-from-behind win after prevailing in the deciding third set, 15-11.

Before slipping past We Are Groot, the Ol'Aces eliminated Iron Spike, 25-22, 25-12. We Are Groot, on the other hand, stayed in contention after sweeping Straight Outta Knowhere, 25-21, 25-20, in another match in the losers' bracket.



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The Ol'Aces' Ketson "Jack" Kabiriel leaps for a shot during their game against We Are Groot in the losers bracket of the Avengers Volleyball League last Wednesday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.



# Brilliant Star shines in All Schools Cross-Country

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Brilliant Star came out on top of the elementary school division competition in the 2019 All Schools Cross-Country Championships held last Saturday at the Saipan Country Club.

Brilliant Star swept the boys and girls overall titles in the elementary division that featured student-runners in the U7, U9, and U12 age groups. It scored 20 points in the boys category to prevail against Saipan Community School (24), Saipan International School (26), Agape Christian School (28), Mt. Carmel School (45), and San Vicente Elementary School (66).

Overall winners in the elementary divisions were determined by awarding points to schools based on how their students finished in the 1.5-kilometer race (one lap). Only the Top 5 runners from each



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Elementary school students race in last Saturday's 2019 All Schools Cross-Country Championships at the Saipan Country Club.

school received points and the school with the least points was declared the winner.

In the girls elementary, BSS collected 16 points to win first

place honors. SIS took second place with 20 points, followed closely by Agape with 21 points, while San Vicente was ranked fourth with 52 points.

In the individual winners list, BSS' Shana Barman bagged the gold in the girls U7 age group after finishing the race in 5:46. San Vicente's

Jayanna Reyes got the silver after timing in at 6:35, while SIS' Leilani Ruzala notched the bronze with her 6:59.

In the boys U7, Tinian El-

ementary School's Hun Yeong Seo submitted 5:43 to earn the gold, while SIS's Jude Rayphand (5:44) and BSS' Kanoa Owens (6:05) rounded out the Top 3.

In the girls U9 age group, BSS' Sari Barman recorded 5:08 to win the gold medal, while SIS' Suki Peng (5:37) and SCS' Allie Brasuell (5:45) secured the silver and bronze, respectively. In the boys division, SIS took the bragging rights with Fin Altizer finishing the course in 5:13, while BSS' Akeen Edvaion (5:33.06) and SCS' Patrick McDonald (5:33.93) completed the Top 3.

For the boys U12 age group, Moshe Sikkil handed BSS a first place finish after recording 4:38 and beating Tanapag Middle School's Wataru Kadokura (4:45) and SCS' David Ye (4:53). In the girls division, Agape had two runners making it to the Top 3 with Barbara Wang getting the gold with her 4:38 and Jiayi Crystal Ye (5:26) earning the bronze. BSS's Fiona Regan (5:22) won the silver.

## Saipan Vegas stretches streak to 7

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Saipan Vegas is still on a roll, as it notched its seventh consecutive win after pouncing on The Game, 114-73, in the second match in the 2019 Atkins Kroll Marianas International Basketball League last Saturday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Saipan Vegas went straight for the jugular in the first quarter after exploding for 43 points. Douglas Schmidt, Preston Basa, Aiferson Atan, Coby Santos, and Greg Sablan teamed up in Saipan Vegas' opening assault with the former scoring 12 points. Basa added 11 markers, 9 of them came from 3-point area, while Aiferson chipped in 8, and Santos and Sablan contributed 6 apiece.

Schmidt, after a hot start, was scoreless in the second period, but still finished strong making 13 more points in the second half to complete Saipan Vegas' domination and top-score for the league-leading squad.

Preston Basa added three more triples in the last three periods for his 20 points, while Santos, Atan, and Sablan also delivered double figures after posting 18, 12, and 11, respectively.

With Saipan Vegas on point on offense, The Game never recovered from the 18-43 deficit in the first quarter, as it did not help that the latter had limited manpower with only seven players showing up for the match.

Mark Mintac had 26 points



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Saipan Vegas' Preston Basa, right, looks to kick the ball out to his teammates as he faces the defense of The Game's Jun Javier during their match in the 2019 Atkins Kroll Marianas International Basketball League last Saturday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

### TEAM STANDINGS

(As of Oct. 24, 2019)

Teams	W	L
Saipan Vegas	7	0
IT&E	6	1
MS Villagomez	4	2
Caravan's	4	3
Bridge Capital	4	3
Aqua Resort	3	4
The Game	2	4
AK Toyota	2	5
Mystique BBQ	2	5
TanHoldings	0	7

to pace the short-handed The Game, which fell to a 2-4 record and is out of the semis race.

Saipan Vegas is already assured of a Final Four seat, along with IT&E, leaving MS Villagomez, Caravan's, and Bridge Capital to battle for the last two semis tickets.

Caravan's was scheduled to

play its penultimate match in the round-robin regular season last night, as it was set to duel The Game, while MS Villagomez was to take on Aqua Resort.

For Saturday's pair of games, Saipan Vegas will face Aqua Resort in the curtain-raiser at 6pm, while IT&E will meet Toyota in the second match at 7:30pm.

**Saipan Vegas 114**—Schmidt 25, P. Basa 20, Santos 18, Atan 12, Sablan 11, Kabiriel 9, Deleon Guerrero 5, Pua 4, E. Basa 4, Libuw 2, Lizama 2, Bondoc 2.

**The Game 73**—Mintac 26, Fidelino 23, Javier 17, Castro 5, Del Rosario 2.

**Scoring by quarters:** 43-18, 55-36, 91-54, 114-73.

## Pardz beats Mawati in consolation game

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Pardz Ballers defeated Mawati, 83-74, to take the third place honors in the 2019 One Pacific Promotional Basketball League last Wednesday at the Civic Center Court.

Pardz, which was beaten by Tsingtao Boyz in the semis, 102-98, this time came out the winner in the consolation match against Mawati after building enough lead in the first three quarters.

In the opening canto, Lucky Jose and Ronald Bernardo's scored 6 points apiece to lift Pardz to a 23-14 advantage. Ronald Romo and Jo-

seph Galulu also helped out Pardz's cause after combining for 8 markers.

Pardz padded its lead in the second period, 46-37, as it continued to draw baskets from every player it fielded in the game. Joseph Torres made 7 points, while Romo and Joel Saplan chipped in 4 each, as Pardz drilled three triples against none from Mawati.

Jose, who was scoreless in the second period, came back in the third and registered 7 points, helping Pardz keep the double-digit lead, 64-49, going into the fourth quartet.

Down by 15, Mawati tried to pick up the slack in the fourth quarter with Jerome Reyes and John Rena step-

ping up, but the team just managed to move within 4 points midway through the final canto. Pardz, on the other hand, gained more cushion, as it continued to play a balance offense with seven different players lighting up the board in the last frame.

Meanwhile, the one-game finals between Tsingtao Boyz and Connie's BBQ will be played this Sunday.

**Pardz Ballers 83**—Jose 15, Romo 13, Torres 12, Bernardo 11, Santos 9, Ritual 8, Sablan 4, Mababa 4, Galulu 4, Ebuen 2.

**Mawati 74**—Ferrer 18, Directo 14, Reyes 13, Rena 9, Nonato 8, Gontar 6, Velasco 6.

**Scoring by quarters:** 23-14, 46-25, 64-49, 83-74.







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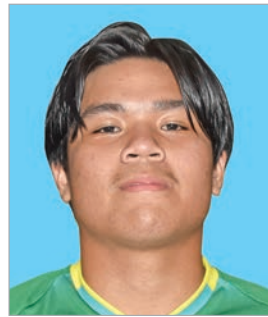
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## Black Panther secures first finals seat



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The Black Panther marched into the finals of the Avengers Volleyball League after sweeping The As' Guardians in their semis game last Wednesday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Though the Black Panther took only two sets to prevail against The As' Guardians in the winners bracket semifinals of the double-elimination playoffs, the victory did not come in handy. In the first set, the Black Panther needed extra points to win, 27-25. The second set was another close match with the Black Panther posting a 25-21 triumph to secure the first finals berth and a twice-to-beat advantage in the championship round.

The As' Guardians, despite the loss, still have a shot at a finals ticket, if it wins against the

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The Black Panther's Riel Paynor receives a shot from The As' Guardians during their semis game in the Avengers Volleyball League last Wednesday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.



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# 23 named to CNMI Team

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National Collegiate Athletic Association player Sunjoon Tenorio will lead the 23-man roster of the CNMI Boys U19 National Team that will see action in the Asian Football Confederation U19 Championship 2020 Qualifiers in Cambodia next month.

Tenorio, who plays for Suffolk University in the NCAA Division II and the top scorer of the Rams this season, is the team captain of the Teen

Ayuyus and will go straight to Phnom Penh from Boston. He will be joined on the national squad by fellow Suffolk standout Dai Podziewski and

Boise State University rookie Joshua Abragan.

Completing the Common-

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